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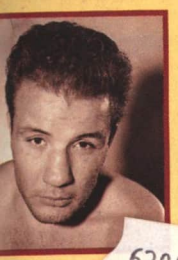

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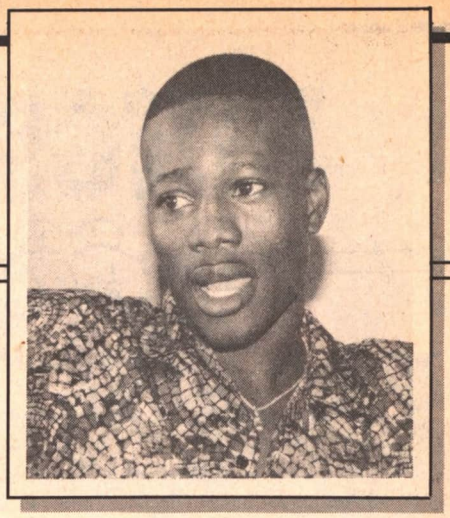

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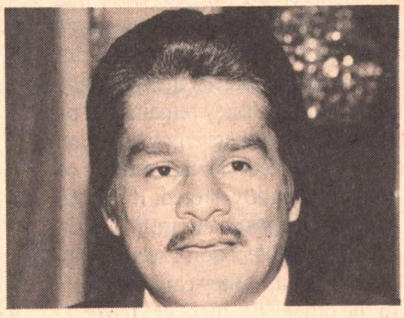

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RINGSIDE

Let's get right to it: Jack Dempsey wouldn't have won a round against Muhammad Ali. "The Greatest" would've nicknamed Dempsey "The Hobo," and then knocked the stubble off his cheeks. Ali would've also handled Joe Louis and Rocky Marciano. In fact, *Larry Holmes* might've whipped them, too. It's a moot point from fly to cruiser, but at heavyweight, bigger is better. Anyone who argues that yesterday's heavyweights were better than today's heavyweights is denying evolution.

Now that I've infuriated a portion of *The Ring's* readers, let me defend myself. It's not fair to compare fighters from one era against those of another; fighters should be judged solely by what they accomplish in relation to the standards of their day. In other words, in debating the light heavyweight pecking order, let's not equate *Archie Moore's* nine successful title defenses with *Virgil Hill's* nine successful defenses.

Fans, however, love to draw comparisons. Weighing his accomplishments against the standard of the day, Jack Johnson was probably the greatest heavyweight in history. But that doesn't mean he would've beaten Ali. Likewise, argue that Jesse Owens was a greater champion than Carl Lewis, but don't suggest that Owens would've beaten Lewis in a sprint. Evolution, you see.

Unlike other athletes, boxers, with the exception of heavyweights, have stayed the same size. Middleweights remain 160 pounds, and bantamweights still have to sweat to make 118. It's ridiculous to match a lumbering 6'5" basketball pivotman from 1950 with an agile and coordinated 7'1" pivotman from 1980, but you can wonder about 1950's Sugar Ray Robinson, who weighed 147, vs. 1980's Sugar Ray Leonard, who scaled the same weight.

I'll fight you forever on Ali vs. whomever, but I don't intend to toss in my two cents regarding Robinson-Leonard, Benny Leonard-Roberto Duran, or any other such non-heavyweight dream fight. Instead, I'll offer a few points that are usually forgotten once the screaming starts. Among the things that *haven't* changed: Figuratively and literally, hunger still breeds the best fighters, and there remains plenty of hunger in the world. Money remains the primary motivation, and if you think that only today's fighters enjoy astronomical purses, consider that in the '20s, Dempsey's paychecks dwarfed those of Babe Ruth. And training methods have been only slightly altered. It's 1990, and trainers still can't decide whether to let their charges pump iron.

Some of the things that *have* changed: Today's fighters don't seem to appreciate boxing as a *craft,* and it shows. And, of course, they can't begin to match the oldtimers in ring experience. On the other side, there are fewer fighters than ever before, but more fighter factories. For the first time, boxing now spans the globe. Fans of the '80s point out that the champions of the Golden Age didn't have to contend with fighters from countries like Korea, Panama, and Thailand. Who knows, maybe in the year 2000, fans will be pointing out that the champions of the '80s didn't have to contend with fighters from China and the Soviet Union.

Yesterday vs. today. The battle will never be decided. Nor should it be. Unless you're talking heavyweights, that is.

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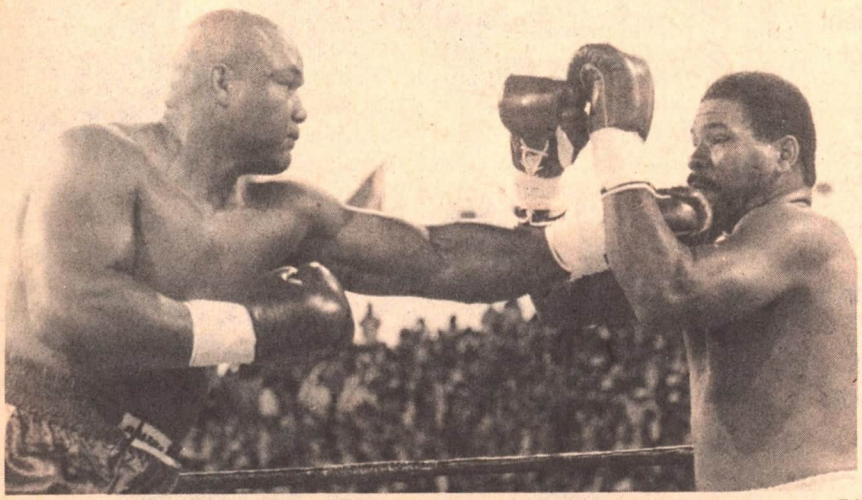


Big George Foreman's June stoppage of fringe contender Adilson Rodrigues (above), notes reader Ed Seneca, is comparable to a comebacking Sonny Liston's seventh-round triumph over Henry Clark in 1968.

FOREMAN RATES

I've just finished reading your November 1990 issue, and I find it absolutely ludicrous that you don't have George Foreman in your top 10 at heavyweight. After three years of his comeback and more than 20 wins, Big George deserves a spot in anyone's top 10. He also deserves a world title shot. The only heavyweights who should be rated ahead of him are, of course, Buster Douglas, Mike Tyson, and Evander Holyfield. Tim Witherspoon? Francesco Damiani? Carl Williams? Give me a break!

TOM HINES
Hanover, ME

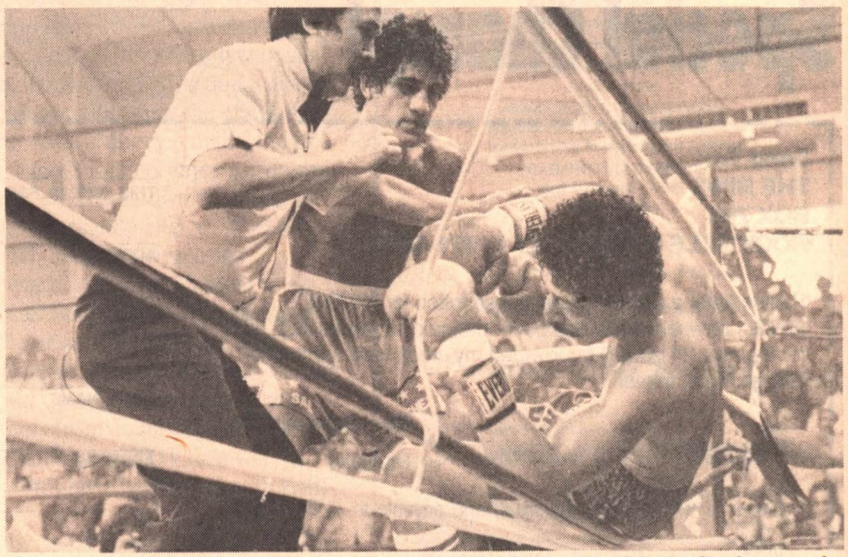
I remember when, in the late-'60s, Sonny Liston made a comeback similar to George Foreman's. After his second loss to Muhammad Ali, Liston rolled off a string of victories over such household names as Gerhard Zech, Billy Joiner, and Amos Lincoln. Liston also met and defeated Henry Clark, who, like Foreman victim Adilson Rodrigues, was ranked in the lower part of the top 10. But also like Rodrigues, Clark was tailor-made. Liston was too strong for Clark, and Rodrigues wasn't fast enough to threaten Foreman. Both fights were predictable.

Liston's luck ran out in 1969, when he met top contender Leotis Martin and was kayoed. Will the same thing happen to Foreman when he fights Holyfield, Tyson, Ruddock, or Douglas? Time will tell.

ED SENECA
Harrisburg, PA

APPRECIATING SANCHEZ

The format of the new *Ring* is great, especially the Battle of the Legends. I would like to respond to Bob Sherrick, one of the experts of the September 1990 Legends matchup between featherweight greats Salvador Sanchez and Sandy Saddler. I find it weird that Sherrick was not impressed with Sanchez. He said that Sanchez did not have that many fights. I guess 46 fights isn't that many. The only reason Sanchez didn't engage in more bouts was because of his tragic death.



In what was expected to be his toughest defense, featherweight champion Salvador Sanchez scored a kayo over fellow champion Wilfredo Gomez. Entering the bout, 122-pound titlist Gomez was 33-0-1.

Sherrick also said that Sanchez never fought a great fighter. Was he serious? Azumah Nelson, Wilfredo Gomez, and Danny Lopez (whom Sanchez fought twice) were not great? What would you call them? Bums? Journeymen? Contenders? No, they *were* great fighters, and world champions with impressive records.

Sherrick also said that a fight between Sanchez and Saddler would be no contest. Win or lose, Sanchez would have given any featherweight in history a good fight. I see Saddler winning a 15-round split decision because I truly feel that the fighters of old were tougher than today's fighters. But Sanchez was a big-hearted, tough, durable boxer-puncher with a hard chin and amazing stamina. He deserves the credit due a great champion.

A.G. ROSA
Tucson, AZ

BENN IS BIG

I have just watched the Nigel Benn-Iran Barkley middleweight fight. I was very impressed with Benn's ability, but he infuriated me when he hit Barkley while the loser was on his knees. And after Benn had been previously warned for an illegal blow. All in one round!

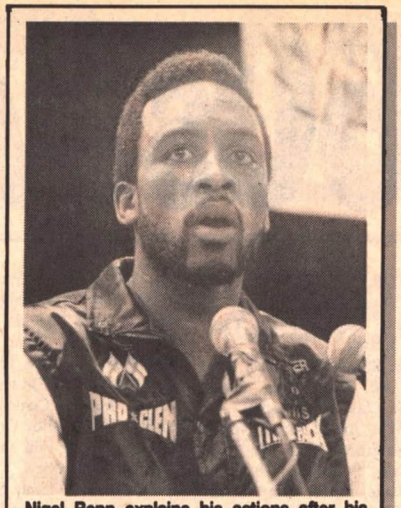
The TV commentators said Benn could have been disqualified for these blows. As it was, referee Carlos Padilla said that he was going to deduct a point after the round. Is this fair? If a fighter can afford to lose a point, should it be okay for him to pound his opponent when he's on the canvas? I think the illegal blows contributed to Barkley's loss.

Benn has the aggressiveness to really go far. He would totally destroy a backpedaling Michael Nunn. I just hope he can adhere to a few basic, important rules.

ED BABINEAU
Waltham, MA

Nigel Benn is no doubt that most sparkling fighter in the world today, but will his flame be extinguished? The general public will always enjoy watching action-packed fighters. George Foreman, Tommy Hearns, Lloyd Honeyghan, Bobby Czyz, and Barry McGuigan are just some of the past and present champions who produced exhilarating action. But they share another characteristic: They can all give it but can't take it.

For Benn to be a great boxer, he'll need defensive skills equal to his offensive skills. He'll also need a strong chin. The perfect example of a fighter who met these criteria was Muhammad Ali.



Nigel Benn explains his actions after his controversial stoppage of Iran Barkley.

Benn may have persuaded promoter Bob Arum to have pulled out his checkbook, but Mickey Mouse titles don't make a real world champion. At this rate, Benn's next opponent will have paramedics as seconds. If Benn is really number one, he'll next fight Michael Nunn, Mike McCallum, or Herol Graham instead of an Iran Barkley, who was considered too disabled to set foot inside a British ring.

ROBERT MAHER
London, England

THE REF RESPONDS

I must comment on the fight report by correspondent Bruce Williams concerning the June 10 IBF bantamweight title fight between Orlando Canizales and Paul Gonzalez *(The Ring,* November 1990). The report was accurate except for the reported 15-minute huddle with IBF supervisor Mike Cusimano and the Texas Boxing Commission in an effort to try and confirm the result as a TKO victory for defending champion Canizales.

There was no huddle with anyone wondering what to do. The Gonzalez camp immediately cried butt, as was to have been expected. In my opinion, the TV coverage by NBC's Marv Albert and Dr. Ferdie Pacheco promoted the appearance of confusion by interviewing Gonzalez for so long. Canizalez' hand was raised immediately after the stoppage, clearly indicating the result. NBC then interviewed Gonzalez, replaying the fight many times in slow motion and from different angles, never conclusively seeing a butt that caused the cut.

Mr. Albert declared that he had checked and that the IBF and Texas Commission were waiting for the results of the replay to make a decision. With whom he checked is not known. His source was not reliable. The referee with whom the decision rested was never approached by the IBF or Texas Commission to reconsider his decision.

Did NBC's Marv Albert and Ferdie Pacheco overanalyze Paul Gonzalez' stoppage loss to Orlando Canizales? Barry Yeats, who refereed the bout, thinks NBC created the postfight confusion.

Immediately available for comment, the referee was never interviewed by NBC. The referee, the best source of information, waited around like everyone else while NBC, in my opinion, promoted the confusion and inaccurately reported that the IBF did not know its own rules, which in this case was not accurate.

It is understandable that Mr. Williams reported was appeared to be huddles and confusion. This letter is my effort to set the record straight. My source of information is impeccable, for I was the referee.

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Jan. 1966: Explosion!!! Four Title Fights!!! Plus: Dick Tiger, Cassius Clay, Ernie Terrell, George Chuvalo.

Feb. 1966: Is Cassius' Punching Power A Myth? Plus: Clay-Patterson, Hall of Fame (Coulon, Kilrain, Conn, Young Corbett, Moran), Sugar Ray Robinson.

April 1966: Who Has The Best Style To Beat Clay? Plus: Buster Mathis, Ernie Terrell, Marcel Cerdan, Dick Tiger, Rubin Carter, Carlos Ortiz.

May 1966: Who Will Tame Dick Tiger? Clay-Terrell preview, James Norris, Emile Griffith, Vicente Saldivar.

July 1966: Promotional Brawl Looms In New York. Plus: Griffith-Tiger, white hopes, Ernie Terrell, Clay vs. past champs, George Chuvalo.

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Sept. 1966: France Claims Its First Welter Title. Plus: Ernie Terrell, Nino Benvenuti, U.S. vs. Britain.

Oct. 1966: How Did Mildenberger Get There? Plus: Clay-London, Clay draft appeal, Sonny Liston, Louis-Schmeling I, Griffith-Archer, Joe Frazier.

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March 1967: Why Isn't Clay Fighter Of The Year? Plus: Year-end issue, 2,500 fighters rated, Tiger-Torres, Clay-Terrell, Curtis Cokes.

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Nov. 1971: Gene Tunney Finally Talks: On Clay, Frazier, Dempsey! Plus: Jose Napoles, Al Silvani, Clay-Frazier II?, Cus D'Amato, Marcano-Kobayashi, Ezzard Charles, Ruben Navarro.

Dec. 1971: Buchanan No. 1 In Fistic Cleverness? Plus: Monzon-Griffith I, Joe Bugner, Tommy Burns, Buchanan-Duran?, New York Boxing, Bodell-Bugner, "Halimi" Gutierrez.

April 1972: Is Frazier-Clay Rematch Off? Plus: Frazier-Daniels, Clay-Blin, Hall Of Fame (Graziano, Saddler, Berlenbach, Clark, Flowers), Armando Muniz, Pascual Perez, Griffith rates Monzon, fights that never came off, Tito Lectoure.

Dec. 1972: Muhammad Ali: "I Will Bring Peace To The World" Plus: Ali-Patterson, Ortiz-Buchanan, Foster-Finnegan, Armando Muniz, Joe Walcott, 1972 Olympics, Carmona-Ramos.

Jan. 1973: Big Heavyweight Shakeup! Plus: Lyle-Mathis, Bugner-Blin, Griffith-DeNucci, WBA, Jack Sharkey, the man who stopped Ali, Bennie Briscoe, Ray Lampkin, Kid Chocolate, Ernie Terrell, Walter Seeley, Chacon-Reyes.

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May 1973: Special Heavyweight Issue! Plus: George Foreman, Muhammad Ali, upsets, Foreman-Frazier feedback, Jerry Quarry, DeJesus-Lampkin.

June 1973: World Heavyweight Championship: Foreman-Quarry! Plus: Ali-Norton I, Louis-Conn, Carlos Monzon, Shibata-Villaflor, Napoles-Lopez, Harry Warren, Filipino Nabalatan, Garden nostalgia, Gonzalez-Navarro.

Aug. 1973: Joe Frazier: "I Will Beat Foreman Or Quit!" Plus: Ruben Olivares, Bobby Chacon, Carol Polis, Monzon-Griffith II, Vito Antuofermo, Herrera-Martinez, Lopez-Ordunez.

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June 1977: What Now, George Foreman? Plus: Marvis Frazier, Carlos Palomino, Harold Weston, Antuofermo-Hart, Lyle-Bugner, Gazo-Castellini, Conteh-Hutchins, the comeback of George Chuvalo, Jimmy Young, Hagler-Monroe.

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Dec. 1979: What's Next For Larry Holmes? Plus: Holmes-Shavers II, Pipino Cuevas, Thomas Hearns, Arum & King, Leonard-Price, Gomez-Mendoza, Duran-Gonzalez, Dokes-Young, sparring partners, Jess Willard, Ingemar Johansson, sex, odds.

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ROUND ONE

YOUNG LEGS: No one is ever going to confuse Sugar Ray Leonard's double pump with his double jab.

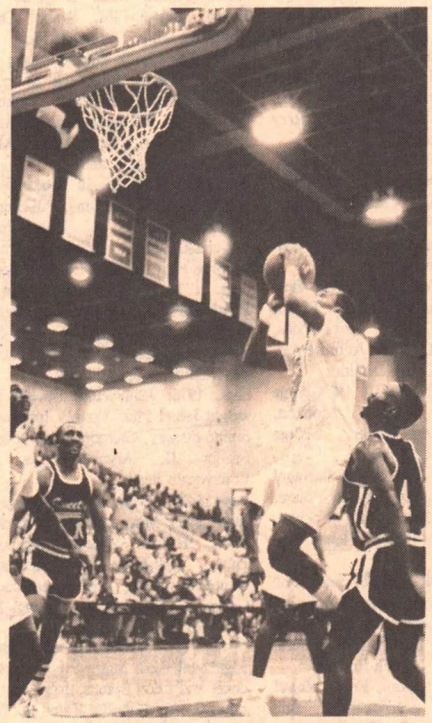
In an August benefit basketball game for Norfolk (Virginia) State University's scholarship fund, a team led by local favorite and world lightweight champion Pernell Whitaker defeated a team led by Leonard, 90-83. In their personal duel, Whitaker outscored Sugar Ray 18 to 4.

"I told Ray I could play a bit," Whitaker said. "I guess he underestimated me."

Both teams featured plenty of ring talent. Whitaker's teammates included Thomas Hearns, and stablemates Mark Breland, Meldrick Taylor, and Ed Hopson. Leonard's help included his protege, light heavyweight Andrew Maynard.

The game was a lot of fun, but the NBA has nothing to worry about.

—Steve Waldman



Sugar Ray scores over "Sweet Pea"

AN ORIGINAL EXCUSE: In August, middleweight Francisco "The Cisco Kid" Martinez, 9-1, was scheduled to open an ESPN-televised card at the Sheraton-Boston Hotel in Massachusetts. He never made it.

At the afternoon weigh-in, it was discovered that both Martinez and his opponent, Fred Rivero, were planning on wearing white trunks. Pat and Goody Petronelli, Martinez' handlers, arranged to borrow the trunks of another fighter, and at five o'clock, they told Martinez to return to his hotel room and relax until fight time.

"He must have misunderstood us about the trunks; he was mixed up, that's for sure," said Goody Petronelli.

Apparently feeling the need to find another set of trunks, Martinez set out to make the 30-minute drive to his home in Lawrence. But he said he got stopped for speeding, and police found that his auto registration had expired. By the time his brother bailed him out of jail and Martinez had returned to the Sheraton, it was 11:30 p.m. and the show was over.

Promoter Al Valenti wasn't sympathetic. "Even if you're in jail like that," he said, "you are allowed one phone call. Cisco's one call should have been to the Sheraton-Boston."

What has yet to be determined is whether Martinez' story is a tale of incredibly bad luck, or just an incredibly bad tale.

—Jay N. Miller

Martinez ended up in jail instead of the ring

CHECKING THE OBITS: In September, Earl Gustkey, the boxing writer for the *Los Angeles Times,* followed up on a report that former welterweight champion Tony DeMarco, 58, was lying in a county morgue, his body unclaimed.

"Impossible," said Art Aragon, one of DeMarco's contemporaries. "I just saw Tony two weeks ago, and he was fine."

Aragon called DeMarco anyway, and told him about the rumor.

"Geez, I don't know," DeMarco said. "Let me go look in the mirror. [Pause] No, I'm still here, Art."

It turns out that one Alphonsus D'Amico had passed himself off as DeMarco for two years at a downtown Los Angeles bar, where he was a frequent patron. When he failed to appear at the bar for several days, the bartender reported Tony DeMarco missing to police, who found D'Amico dead of natural causes in his hotel room.

"My health couldn't be better," said DeMarco, who was bemused by the case of mistaken identity. "But I told Aragon I'd check the obituaries in the paper tomorrow, just to make sure."

Futch with former heavyweight king Larry Holmes

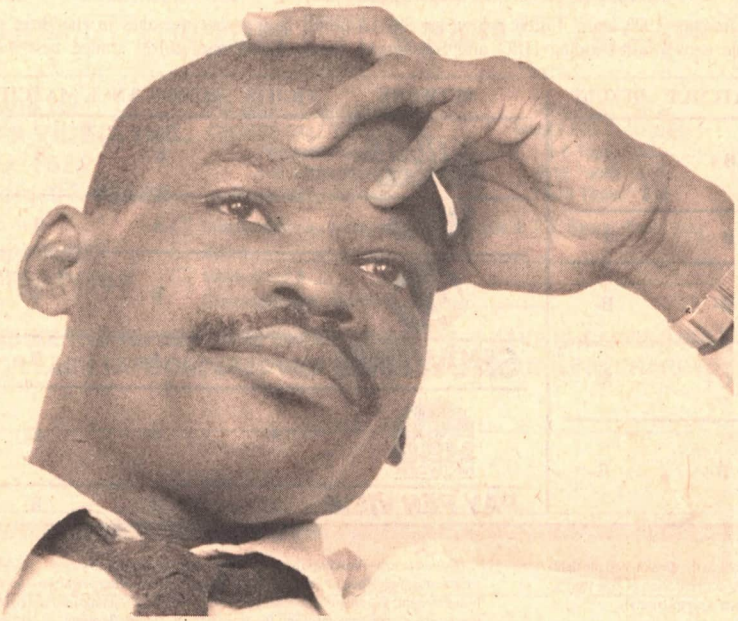
MAGIC MAN DISAPPEARS: A few days after losing the WBC welterweight title to Maurice Blocker, Marlon "The Magic Man" Starling, 32, retired from boxing. Was his announcement for real, or mere sleight of mouth?

"I think it was premature," said Freddie Roach, Starling's trainer. "Any time you lose a fight, right afterward you feel really bad and you think, *I'm gonna quit.* He needs six months to take time off, take a good rest, and decide what he's gonna do. He fought like a tired fighter. It was mental. [After the fight, Starling took a two-week Caribbean cruise.]

"Making that weight also killed him. One thing's for sure, if he decides to come back, it won't be at 147. 154 would be right. He weighed 149 four days before the fight, with 1.8 percent body fat. At 147, he was definitely at zero percent body fat. That's dangerous.

"If Marlon feels he can do it again, I'll be there with him. If he decides not to, hey, he had a great career."

OUTSIDE THE ROPES: While he was in Puerto Rico attending a boxing card, former four-time champion Roberto Duran took time off to place a wreath on the tombstone of former archrival and lightweight champion Esteban DeJesus . . . There's an investigation underway in Colombia, where former WBC bantamweight champion Happy Lora and Emilio Aponte have had their licenses suspended. Aponte was kayoed by Lora in August, and then said he had been paid to lose. He later retracted the statement . . . Boxing's greatest trainer, Eddie Futch, underwent surgery in New York City to replace his right hip, injured in a 1988 auto accident . . . Thomas Hearns has confirmed that he's splitting with longtime manager Emanuel Steward. "I've decided to branch out," Hearns told *The New York Times.* "To live and learn for myself. I've lived and learned from Manny Steward for 12 years." . . . Australian light heavyweight Patrick Stone died from a blod clot on the right side of his brain less than 24 hours after his 10-round victory over Gary Wills in Brisbane. Stone slumped in his corner after the bout and then collapsed in his dressing room . . . The latest rumored comeback: former junior featherweight contender Mike Ayala . . . IBF welterweight champion Simon Brown has dismissed manager Allen Baboian and promoter Don Elbaum. His contract with Baboian, however, extends to 1992. Stay tuned . . . Kevin Monaghan, the fight handicapper at NBC, reports that his network is likely to televise only two fights in 1991. (Much of NBC's programming will be reserved for the National Basketball Association.) Conversely, Seth Abraham, president of Time/Warner Sports, may run a pay-per-view show per month, with Don King and Bob Arum serving as promoters. ■


Will "The Magic Man" contemplate a reappearance?

WATCHING TV

DATE	WINNER/LOSER	DIVISION	NETWORK	SIGNIFICANCE	MATCHUP	RESULT
08/20/90	Lonnie Smith KO 10 Henry Anaya *"Lightning Lonnie" gets second wind to breeze home*	NABF w	SC	A-	B-	C+
08/21/90	Michael Moorer KO 3 Jim MacDonald *Meaningless target practice for "The Kronk Crusher"*	lh	USA	B	C+	C-
08/21/90	Prince Charles Williams KO 3 Bert Gravley *Prince hunts down, catches terribly overmatched foe*	lh	USA	B+	C	C-
08/23/90	Saoul Mamby W 10 Larry Barnes *43-year-old Mamby's late rally derails hot prospect*	w	ESPN	B-	B	B-
08/23/90	Glenwood Brown KO 3 C.J. Duffy *Overhand right eliminates less-than-threatening foe*	w	MSG	B-	C	C-
08/27/90	Tony Thornton KO 2 Karama Leota *One-time contender Leota never in fight*	m	SC	B-	B+	C
08/27/90	Genaro Hernandez KO 3 Richard Abila *Jab sets up streaking contender's finishing assault*	jl	PT	C+	C	C
09/10/90	Wilfredo Vasquez KO 12 Joe Orewa *Three late knockdowns end close fight*	jf	PT	B-	B+	B
09/11/90	**Luis Mendoza KO 3 Ruben Palacios** *Surprise one-punch ending to title-fight rematch*	**WBA jf**	**USA**	**A**	**B+**	**B-**
09/13/90	Aaron Davis KO 9 Billy Durbin *Non-title bout; Davis given dull workout*	w	MSG	B+	C	C-

TV FIGHTS: A ONE-YEAR REVIEW

The Ring has been grading TV fights since the January 1990 issue. Listed below are the 12-month main event averages in the three categories. Of the commercial networks, ABC fared best. Of the cable networks (excluding HBO and Showtime), Prime Ticket and ESPN graded best.

NETWORK	FIGHTS	SIGNIFICANCE	MATCHUP	RESULT
abc	20	A-	B+	B
ESPN	48	B	B	B-
USA NETWORK	42	B	B-	B-
SportsChannel	32	B-	C+	B-
	23	B+	B+	B-

NETWORK	FIGHTS	SIGNIFICANCE	MATCHUP	RESULT
PRIME TICKET	19	B+	B+	B-
HBO	12	A	B+	B-
	8	B+	B+	B-
SHOWTIME	4	A-	B+	B-
MSG NETWORK	17	B-	B-	C+
PAY PER VIEW	13	B+	B	C+

Category explanation: "Significance"—The importance of the bout to the division and the fighters' future; "Matchup"—The quality of the fighters and the prefight determination of how their styles will mesh; "Result"—How the bout turned out, from the viewer's perspective.)

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Division key: h—heavyweight; c—cruiserweight; lh—light heavyweight; sm—super middleweight; m—middleweight; jm—junior middleweight; w—welterweight; jw—junior welterweight; l—lightweight; jl—junior lightweight; f—featherweight; jf—junior featherweight; b—bantamweight; jb—junior bantamweight; fl—flyweight; jfl—junior flyweight; s—strawweight.)

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Las Vegas, NV *15-2-2*

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Weight limit: 175 pounds

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Weight Limit: 168 pounds

1 **SUGAR RAY LEONARD**
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Las Vegas, NV *47-3-1*

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France *27-0 (WBA Champ)*

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Detroit, MI *42-5-1 (IBF Champ)*

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Los Angeles, CA *18-1-1*

6 **DARIO MATTEONI**
Argentina *25-1-1*

7 **VICTOR CORDOVA**
Panama *12-2*

8 **JOHN JARVIS**
Richmond, VA *22-2*

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Weight limit: 135 pounds

1 **PERNELL WHITAKER**
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2 **TRACY SPANN**
Plainfield, NJ *26-0*

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Miami, FL *27-17-3*

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Puerto Rico *22-3*

5 **JOHN DUPLESSIS**
New Orleans, LA *33-1*

6 **POLI DIAZ**
Spain *29-0*

7 **ANTHONY JONES**
Detroit, MI *27-2-1*

8 **PEDRO SANCHEZ**
New York, NY *17-0-1*

9 **GREG HAUGEN**
Henderson, NV *25-3-1*

10 **DARRYL TYSON**
Washington, D.C. *32-3*

JR. LIGHTWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 130 pounds

1 **AZUMAH NELSON**
Ghana *31-2 (WBC Champ)*

2 **TONY LOPEZ**
Sacramento, CA *35-2 (IBF Champ)*

3 **BRIAN MITCHELL**
South Africa *41-1-2 (WBA Champ)*

4 **JEFF FENECH**
Australia *24-0*

5 **JOHN-JOHN MOLINA**
Puerto Rico *21-3*

6 **GENARO HERNANDEZ**
Los Angeles, CA *20-0*

7 **BERNARD TAYLOR**
Knoxville, TN *41-2-2*

8 **JUAN LaPORTE**
New York, NY *36-10*

9 **JOEY GAMACHE**
Lewiston, ME *20-0*

10 **FRANKIE MITCHELL**
Philadelphia, PA *25-0*

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 126 pounds

1 **ANTONIO ESPARRAGOZA**
Venezuela *30-1-4 (WBA Champ)*

2 **JORGE PAEZ**
Mexico *35-2-3 (IBF Champ)*

3 **TROY DORSEY**
Dallas, TX *12-3-3*

4 **LOUIE ESPINOZA**
Phoenix, AZ *38-4-1*

5 **MARCOS VILLASANA**
Mexico *50-7-2 (WBC Champ)*

6 **MAURIZIO STECCA**
Italy *38-1*

7 **RICARDO CEPEDA**
Bronx, NY *18-0-1*

8 **ELOY ROJAS**
Venezuela *19-0*

9 **RAFAEL ZUNIGA**
Colombia *23-0-2*

10 **PAUL HODKINSON**
England *18-1-1*

JR. FEATHERWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 122 pounds

1 **PAUL BANKE**
Quail Valley, CA *19-4 (WBC Champ)*

2 **JESSE BENAVIDES**
Corpus Christi, TX *32-1*

3 **DANIEL ZARAGOZA**
Mexico *40-5-1*

4 **WELCOME NCITA**
South Africa *26-0 (IBF Champ)*

5 **JESUS SALUD**
San Diego, CA *33-4*

6 **TRACY PATTERSON**
New Paltz, NY *36-2*

7 **PEDRO DECIMA**
Argentina *25-2*

8 **JEMAL HINTON**
District Heights, MD *13-0*

9 **YONG HOON LEE**
South Korea *16-0*

10 **NOREE JOCKYGYM**
Thailand *33-8-1*

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- Being champion does not necessarily mean a fighter will be rated at the top of his weight class.
- These ratings reflect how the best fighters in the world rate against one another.

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MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 160 pounds

1 **MICHAEL NUNN**
Los Angeles, CA *35-0 (IBF Champ)*

2 **SUMBU KALAMBAY**
Italy *49-4-1*

3 **MIKE McCALLUM**
Brooklyn, NY *38-1 (WBA Champ)*

4 **NIGEL BENN**
England *27-1*

5 **ROBERTO DURAN**
Miami, FL *85-8*

6 **STEVE COLLINS**
Brockton, MA *17-1*

7 **HEROL GRAHAM**
England *43-2*

8 **MICHAEL WATSON**
England *22-2-1*

9 **DONALD CURRY**
Fort Worth, TX *33-3*

10 **REGGIE JOHNSON**
Houston, TX *26-1-1*

JR. MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 154 pounds

1 **JULIAN JACKSON**
Virgin Islands *39-1 (WBA Champ)*

2 **GIANFRANCO ROSI**
Italy *49-3 (IBF Champ)*

3 **TERRY NORRIS**
Mission Valley, CA *26-3 (WBC Champ)*

4 **JOHN MUGABI**
Tampa, FL *36-3*

5 **JOHN DAVID JACKSON**
Tucson, AZ *21-0*

6 **JULIO CESAR VASQUEZ**
Argentina *24-0*

7 **JORGE CASTRO**
Argentina *48-1-2*

8 **DARRIN VAN HORN**
Lexington, KY *44-2*

9 **CHRIS PYATT**
England *30-2*

10 **QUINCY TAYLOR**
Dallas, TX *14-1*

WELTERWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 147 pounds

1 **SIMON BROWN**
Germantown, MD *32-1 (IBF Champ)*

2 **MELDRICK TAYLOR**
Philadelphia, PA *25-1-1*

3 **MAURICE BLOCKER**
Germantown, MD *32-1 (WBC Champ)*

4 **BUDDY McGIRT**
Brentwood, NY *50-2-1*

5 **AARON DAVIS**
Bronx, NY *31-0 (WBA Champ)*

6 **MARK BRELAND**
New York, NY *27-2-1*

7 **GLENWOOD BROWN**
Plainfeild, NJ *31-1*

8 **TYRONE TRICE**
Detroit, MI *36-3*

9 **GENARO LEON**
Mexico *35-2-1*

10 **KIRKLAND LAING**
England *37-7-1*

JR. WELTERWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 140 pounds

1 **JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ**
Mexico *70-0 (WBC & IBF Champ)*

2 **LORETO GARZA**
Sacramento, CA *27-1-1 (WBA Champ)*

3 **ROGER MAYWEATHER**
Las Vegas, NV *37-6*

4 **HECTOR CAMACHO**
Big Cypress, FL *38-0*

5 **JUAN COGGI**
Argentina *45-2-2*

6 **LOUIE LOMELI**
Melrose Park, IL *28-1*

7 **VINNY PAZIENZA**
Cranston, RI *30-4*

8 **JOHN MEEKINS**
New York, NY *22-2-2*

9 **CHARLES MURRAY**
Essex County, NJ *18-0*

10 **PAT BARRETT**
England *25-1-1*

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 118 pounds

1 **RAUL PEREZ**
Mexico *47-1-1 (WBC Champ)*

2 **ORLANDO CANIZALES**
Laredo, TX *26-1-1 (IBF Champ)*

3 **LUISITO ESPINOSA**
Philippines *23-5 (WBA Champ)*

4 **ISRAEL CONTRERAS**
Venezuela *33-2-1*

5 **PEPILLO VALDEZ**
Mexico *37-3*

6 **GERARDO MARTINEZ**
San Jose, CA *23-1*

7 **FERNIE MORALES**
Mexico *27-3*

8 **KIYOSHI HATANAKA**
Japan *20-1-1*

9 **BILLY HARDY**
England *23-5-1*

10 **GREG RICHARDSON**
Youngstown, OH *26-3*

JR. BANTAMWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 115 pounds

1 **KHAOSAI GALAXY**
Thailand *44-1 (WBA Champ)*

2 **SUNG KIL MOON**
South Korea *12-1 (WBC Champ)*

3 **NANA KONADU**
Ghana *18-1-1*

4 **ROBERT QUIROGA**
San Antonio, TX *16-0 (IBF Champ)*

5 **KID AKEEM**
Las Vegas, NV *20-0*

6 **THANOMSAK SITHBAOBEY**
Thailand *32-1*

7 **JOSE RUIZ**
Puerto Rico *18-2*

8 **JOHNNY TAPIA**
Albuquerque, NM *19-0-1*

9 **DAVID GRIMAN**
Venezuela *10-0*

10 **REY PACIONES**
Philippines *28-2-3*

FLYWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 112 pounds

1 **SOT CHITALADA**
Thailand *22-2-1 (WBC Champ)*

2 **DAVE McAULEY**
Ireland *16-2-2 (IBF Champ)*

3 **LEOPARD TAMAKUMA**
Japan *27-4 (WBA Champ)*

4 **JUNG KOO CHANG**
South Korea *37-2*

5 **YUL WOO LEE**
South Korea *19-3*

6 **JESUS ROJAS**
Venezuela *19-2-1*

7 **RICHARD CLARKE**
Jamaica *23-3*

8 **JAVIER LUCAS**
Mexico *37-5*

9 **ROMY NAVARETTE**
Philippines *37-9-1*

10 **YONG KANG KIM**
South Korea *21-2*

POUND FOR POUND

Boxing's 10 Best Fighters, Pound For Pound

1 **JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ**
Junior Welterweight

2 **PERNELL WHITAKER**
Lightweight

3 **MICHAEL NUNN**
Middleweight

4 **ANTONIO ESPARRAGOZA**
Featherweight

5 **MELDRICK TAYLOR**
Welterweight

6 **BUSTER DOUGLAS**
Heavyweight

7 **MIKE TYSON**
Heavyweight

8 **RAUL PEREZ**
Bantamweight

9 **HUMBERTO GONZALEZ**
Light Flyweight

10 **YUH MYUNG WOO**
Light Flyweight

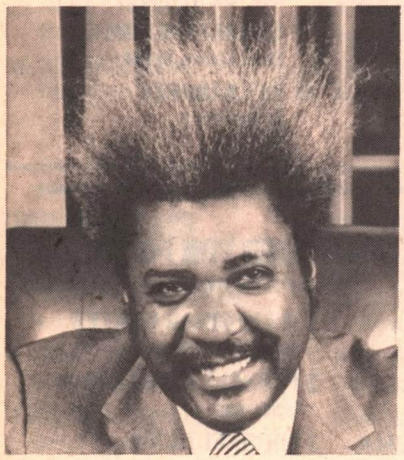
KATZ SCAN

PAYING TO PLAY

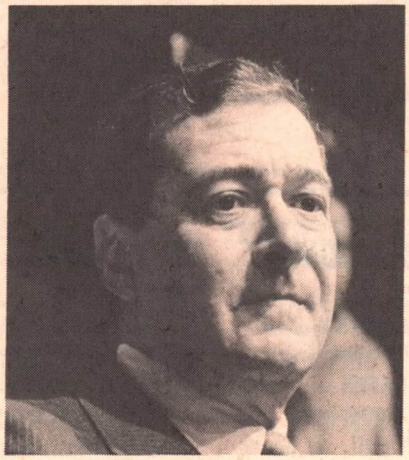
By Michael Katz

The great American philosopher, W.C. Fields, once advised, "A thing worth having is worth cheating for." Controlling boxing on pay-per-view TV is very worth having. It's a good thing boxing is blessed with such moralists as Don King, Bob Arum, and Seth Abraham. These are men, of course, who would never enter a smoke-filled room unless it had stained-glass windows. These are men who believe in another precept of the great philosopher, namely, "you can't cheat an honest man."

Fields did, however, in moments of weakness, advise his congregation to never give a sucker an even break. King, Arum, and company have been known to stray occasionally, and temptations of pay-per-view riches could lure even saints from the straight and narrrow. Thus, there was something decidedly non-kosher when word went around there was going to be a holy alliance of King and Arum in the new Time-Warner pay-per-view company headed by Abraham. It appeared that King and Arum were going to be exclusive promoters of what was planned to be a once-a-month pay-per-view show, usually featuring two world title bouts.



Don King



Bob Arum

Seth Abraham

Competitors worried that Abraham's King-making, extended to Arum, would enable the Big Two to scoop up fighters from weaker promoters. Access to the multimillions available through pay-per-view, at a time when network television was drastically cutting back its boxing schedule, would give the Gruesome Twosome an unfair advantage in the marketplace. These fears were compounded when, even before Time-Warner's projected KO-TV had hired a cameraman, an announcement was made that Razor Ruddock, who may just be the best heavyweight in the world, had signed on with Arum. Ruddock's long-time promoter, Murad Muhammad, explained that Arum had access to pay-per-view "expertise."

With Ruddock aboard, could such free agents as Simon Brown be far behind? And what about the good fighters controlled by promoters such as Josephine Abercrombie (Orlando Canizales) or Don Chargin (Tony Lopez)? The rich were going to get richer, and the operative words were "monopoly" and "antitrust."

Arum, who toiled for the U.S. Attorney's office during another lifetime, poo-pooed such talk. Abraham said King and Arum would be happy to work with other promoters. Dan Duva, for one, said he was not about to go into that parlor.

"Why should I help my competitors make money that they can take to use

against me?" he reasoned.

The potential for disaster was great. King and Arum, working together and dominating pay-per-view, appeared to be a nightmare.

"Psst, fellow, want to get on pay-per-view and make a few million dollars? Just join us."

Abraham said King and Arum would never stoop so low. Others had their doubts.

Not me. I've learned to stop worrying and start to love boxing monopolies. King and Arum may be students of the same Bible that gave us Sodom and Gomorrah. But greed is a two-edged sword. The promoters could be brothers only in the same way Cain and Able were. Inevitably, there will be a resumption of their ancient feud.

Moreover, there was the mistaken belief that Abraham was running the only game in town. Almost immediately, Duva said he would have to think about setting up his own pay-per-view outfit or look for another Time-Warner. His partner, Shelly Finkel, already had great "expertise" in setting up pay-per-view systems for major fights. Duva held some powerful cards, too, namely Evander Holyfield, Pernell Whitaker, Meldrick Taylor, even Hector Camacho. And he would not be alone. A King-Arum-Abraham alliance would force the wagon trains to circle. There would be a gathering of outside forces.

Exactly what were King and Arum bringing to Abraham's table? King's greatest contributions, Mike Tyson and Julio Cesar Chavez, are not exactly once-a-month series players. Their greatest value is in blockbuster fights on pay-per-view. The promoter's other stars, Julian Jackson and Azumah Nelson, along with Arum's main fighters, of whom Virgil Hill is perhaps the biggest name, cannot sustain a 24-fights-a-year schedule, even with the addition of such luminaries as Ruddock.

And Ruddock was not exactly the fruits of the King-Arum monopoly. His promoter, Murad Muhammad, was desperate for money, having lost $1.5-million on his pay-per-view venture last April, when Ruddock established himself as a force with his blasting of Michael Dokes. Murad's need for cash to settle debts was more of a motivating factor in the decision to bring in Arum than any fear of a freeze on pay-per-view opportunites.

Ruddock also seemed an unwilling participant in the game of monopoly.

Would a commitment to a monthly pay-per-view series mean that Don King would move stars Mike Tyson and Julio Cesar Chavez from HBO to PPV? Not likely, says columnist Michael Katz.

He said "the best thing about this deal is that we're not joining Don King." Remember, he and Murad were suing King over Tyson's pullout of a title fight in Edmonton.

Other forces were at play. Harold Smith, who had been a bane in the side of King and Arum a decade ago while being financed by Wells Fargo, apparently had helped whisk Arum's biggest star, Thomas Hearns, away. Mike Trainer, Sugar Ray Leonard's guru, had aligned himself, for one fight at least, with Steve Wynn, arch-enemy of the boxing establishment, who was called by Duva "a Don King in sheep's clothing." But Angelo Dundee, Trainer's old nemesis, probably had Wynn pegged right. Asked what he thought about the entrepreneur from The Mirage, Dundee said, "I wish that there were 10 more Steve Wynns."

There was competition also from Time-Warner's previous boxing flagship, the subscription pay cable network of HBO. Even Time employees in the boxing game were waiting to see what would happen when the pay-per-view arm went up against HBO for the rights to, say, a fight on the level of the Chavez-Taylor rematch.

There still was enough talent around for Time-Warner to put on some nice shows. Arum's long-delayed light heavyweight tournament, for example, seemed a perfect fit for the modest pay-per-view attractions Time-Warner was talking about. One could imagine Michael Moorer and Prince Charles Williams meeting in one bout, while the doubleheader concluded with Hill and Dennis Andries. The winners could meet on another show two or three months later. There would be form and substance.

However, even that project seemed doomed. First, Emanual Steward had no plans to subject the aging Andries to such a tournament.

"I told Dennis he doesn't mean that much in the States, but he's a big hero in England, so that's where I want him," said the Kronkmaster. "He can fill Wembley against mediocre opponents."

The big payoff of a light heavyweight tournament was to have been the winner against Hearns. That still might happen, but you can bet your W.C. Fields albums that it won't be on Time-Warner.

A monthly series would inevitably wind up more pap-per-view than pay-per-view, fights that would previously have been shown on free TV suddenly demanding $9.95 from the market. The chances of tournaments in other divisions—imagine a bantamweight round-robin featuring Canizales with Raul Perez and Luisito Espinosa—would be difficult to arrange as long as the alphabet organizations stubbornly fight for autonomy.

Arum can talk all he wants about boxing's biggies having to band together in combat for the consumer dollar against other sports and other forms of entertainment. The infighting will still be the wonderfully zany mayhem it has always been. What it comes down to is straight from the scene in *My Little Chicadee,* when the Great Philosopher invites his brother-in-law to play cards.

"Is this a game of chance?" asks the mark.

"Not the way I play it," Fields replies.

He would have been a great promoter. ■

RYAN

OUT LOUD

BUMMER IN THE CITY

By Jeff Ryan

He'd been hearing the murmurings, Emanuel Steward had, for about two years now. There'd be a call from someone telling him Thomas Hearns was in Texas negotiating with Josephine Abercrombie. Another Deep Throat would report that while Mike Tyson was digging a hook into Carl Williams, Steve Wynn was at ringside digging his hooks into the "Hit Man." But then some time would pass, and Hearns would once again come walking into Detroit's Kronk Recreation Center with a scowl on his face, a gymbag on his shoulder, and an ass to kick on his mind.

Steward never had to check the collar of Hearns' red-and-yellow Kronk jacket for Abercrombie's lipstick or the pocket for Wynn's phone number on a cocktail napkin. No, the tipoff that boxing's most enduring marriage was in serious trouble came not in the stuff he was hearing, but the stuff he wasn't hearing. More and more, he wasn't hearing Hearns' voice on the phone, wasn't hearing him laughing with his Kronk teammates, wasn't hearing him kidding with Steward at some backyard get-together.

It used to be that Steward made a phone call, mentioned the words "barbecue" or "party" or "softball game," and Hearns would absolutely, positively deliver himself so fast you'd think he'd squeezed his 6'1" frame into a Federal Express envelope. But lately . . .

"When I called," Steward said, "he was always in a meeting."

One Kronk function took place in August at a Detroit restaurant called The 1940 Chophouse. The occasion was a celebration of both Dennis Andries' regaining the WBC light heavyweight title and the 10-year anniversary of the Kronk Boxing Team. At one point, the guests were treated to some of Motown's greatest hits—a decade's worth of videotaped Kronk highlights.

It was then that Steward allowed himself to recognize what the rest of us had been telling him for the past two years, but what he always chose to pretend he didn't see: the deterioration of Hearns' skills. A few days later, he stopped by Hearns' house.

"That day, Tommy told me, 'I'm not really that happy with Kronk,' " Steward relates. "When I asked him why, he said, 'I don't know. I went to play basketball there and they had changed all the locks.' I said, 'Tommy, that's bulls____. I can get you a key. Don't come at me with that.'

"When I looked at the films of him through the years, I noticed a tremendous amount of slowing down. I had never told him to retire, but as I was getting in my car to leave, I told him that maybe we should get together and talk about that slowing down before deciding what he should do next. He said, 'Yeah, okay.' I knew that meant, 'Go ahead and leave.' I could tell there were different things he was working on in his mind."

What Hearns was working on was his plan of escape. In September, he stunned the boxing world by announcing that he was leaving Steward, the only manager and trainer he has had since he walked into Kronk, all 55 pounds of him, at the age of 11. He'll

Perhaps no fighter in recent years has been so closely identified with a city as Hearns has with Detroit. Through good times and bad, he has remained popular with his fans.

now take on promoter Dennis Rappaport, adviser Harold Smith, and a trainer to be named later. And, according to Rappaport, Hearns will likely be moving to California.

"I'm not saying Emanuel stole from me or didn't make me all the money he could, not any of that stuff," Hearns explained. "And I have to say, he's one of the greatest trainers in the world. But this has been inside me for a few years. Emanuel Steward thought Thomas Hearns could never learn the aspects of behind the scenes. I just want to be my own man and be my own manager."

Translation: Hearns was unhappy with the 40-percent cut Steward was taking from his purses, and will now be free to take home a larger chunk. But how many more paychecks will there be? For quite a while, Hearns has been one fight away from being turned into a steppingstone for young contenders, one fight away from watching his earnings potential drop to an embarrassingly low level.

Hearns was dissatisfied with his manager's Stewardship, but it was Steward who secured him $6.6-million (after cuts) for a Leonard rematch, hardly an easy task considering that Hearns was coming off a kayo loss to Iran Barkley and a pitiful narrow escape against James Kinchen. And it was Steward who would have protected Hearns had he insisted on going on at this stage of his career.

A few months ago, Steward was mentioning opponents like Juan Carlos Gimenez and light-hitting Virgil Hill. Smith has already said he'd like to match Hearns with dangerous Nigel Benn. This is the last opponent the ringworn Hearns should ever meet. Could Hearns beat the weak-chinned Benn? Sure. But Benn is the hardest puncher Hearns has faced since he met Pipino Cuevas in 1980. If Benn lands first, the result could be frightening.

Still, despite all that, Hearns' disgrace is not that he abandoned Steward, a multimillionaire who is left with a program that still boasts such golden investments as Michael Moorer, Jemal Hinton, and Oba Carr. It is, I suppose, the right of any fighter to do what he believes is best for his career. (Though Hearns should have at least had the guts to tell Steward face-to-face, and not let the man he often said was like a father to him learn about the split on the nightly news.)

No, Hearns' disgrace is that he abandoned Detroit. Even if he decides not to remove himself physically from within the city limits, Hearns abandoned Motown when he walked away from The Kronk. He abandoned a symbol for the city, a high-profile example of what a kid with nothing can achieve if he stays away from drugs and switchblades.

According to the 1990 census, Detroit lost 19.4 percent of its population in the last 10 years, roughly 230,000 people. Motown Records left town. The basketball Pistons and football Lions fled to the suburbs. Hearns had always been a message for everyone who stayed. When it needed something or someone on which to attach its hopes, he was there to tell the city that it could rise again if people believed in it. He had reached the pinnacle of his career and could have opted for a more glamorous area code. But he never felt the need to load up the moving van and look for someplace better.

"He was someone raised right on the Lower East Side," Steward once explained to *Inside Sports*. "The players on the Pistons and Tigers relocated with temporary residences in Detroit, then moved out when their seasons were over. But Tommy was a hero you could bump into in the supermarket. He was a homeboy. At a time when the auto industry was down and the sports teams were losing, he was knocking everyone out spectacularly every month. His popularity reached everybody and even brought blacks and whites together."

Detroit was proud of Hearns. So proud. For years, he parked his Rolls Royce in the Kronk lot, a slab of asphalt located in one of the baddest neighborhoods on earth, and never once did he return to find even a fingerprint on it. People who carry lunchpails and wear hardhats saved their money, traveled to Las Vegas, and lost hundreds of dollars betting on him when he fell to Leonard in '81. Four years later, he fought Marvin Hagler, and they bet again.

Then, in '89, he met Leonard in a rematch, a fight no one gave Hearns a chance of winning. But there were the homefolks traveling en masse, laying their bets, once more pulling for him to work the miracle that, this time, he somehow did.

While a member of Kronk, Hearns, pictured with Emanuel Steward and Milton McCrory, developed from a 55-pound weakling to a four-time champion. He seems faded, but wants to fight on.

Immediately after the split was announced, Steward was quoted as saying that Hearns was never a great fighter. He told me he never said that, and added, "Tommy was a great fighter and always will be in history. He was one of the truly dedicated guys I ever saw. In the last Leonard fight, and in the fights he lost, he fought his heart out."

Detroiters always admired that. And today, as if crime, grime, unemployment, and a nation's negative perception of their city hasn't beaten them up enough, another large piece of their spirit has gotten up and simply walked away.

Moorer, Hinton, and Carr have some awfully big work ahead of them. ■

NEW FACES

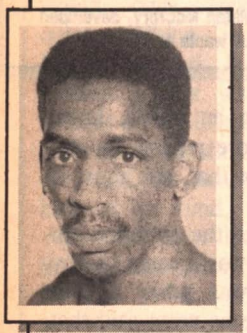
A LOOK BACK

By Steve Farhood

The editors of *KO Magazine* used to joke about the *"KO* Jinx." A month or two after appearing in the centerfold, a champion would invariably lose his title. It happened with Danny Lopez, *KO's* first centerfold, and continued through the early-'80s, with Pipino Cuevas, Eddie Mustafa Muhammad, Sean O'Grady, and several others. It got so bad that the selection of a centerfold became the equivalent of sticking a pin in a voodoo doll.

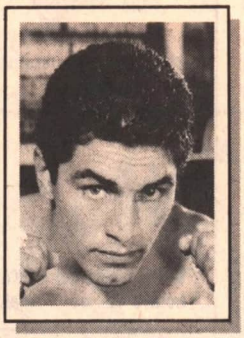
In the 12 previous issues of the *Ring,* we've featured 12 different prospects in our *"*New Faces*"* profile. So far, at least, we're happy to report that there has been no *"Ring* Jinx." After appearing on our pages, none of the 12 has lost a fight. None has won a world title, either. There's still plenty of time for both.

Here's a look at the 12 "New Faces" and an update on their progress.

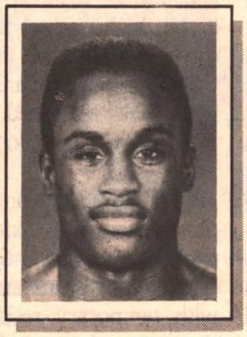


Tracy Spann, lightweight (January 1990 issue): A string of kayo wins on ESPN has catapulted the southpaw slugger into prominence. He's now rated first by the IBF, and, as such, has become the mandatory challenger to unified champion Pernell Whitaker. While Spann still lacks polish and defensive skills, there's little doubt that he can crush any 135-pounder he connects against. If nothing else, Whitaker must respect that.

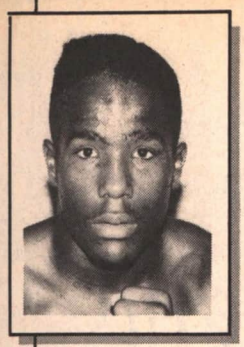
Vince Phillips, junior welterweight (February 1990): Phillips is 15-0 (11) and a prize pupil of the class of '88. But the powerpuncher must take his career—and his life—one day at a time. Phillips has had problems with cocaine. In a unique arrangement, he lives 70 miles outside of Las Vegas with another recovering cocaine addict, Olympic gold medalist Kennedy McKinney, and Bruce Blair, who describes himself as a "multipurpose cleanser; I do a little bit of everything for them." So far, the quiet surroundings seem to have helped. "I feel these guys have licked their problem," said Blair. As we went to press, Top Rank was trying to match Phillips with Greg Haugen. On paper, at least, it seems a drastic jump.



Richard Duran, featherweight (March 1990): Duran, 14-0 (9), remains a well-kept West Coast secret. The success of fellow Sacramento natives Tony Lopez and Loreto Garza, who are both world champions, should only help Duran. But progress has been slow. "He's gotta behave himself a little better," explained promoter Don Chargin. "He's not training properly. I pulled him off the Paez-Lopez card because he hasn't been showing up in the gym."

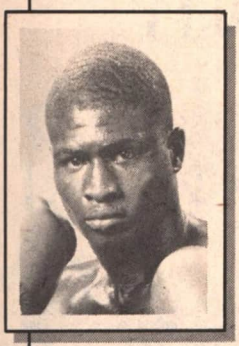


Jemal Hinton, junior featherweight (April 1990): Detroit's Michael Moorer is ready to replace Thomas Hearns as the star of the Kronk Gym, and another Motowner, Oba Carr, seems the hottest prospect. But Emanuel Steward's secret weapon is an import. Maryland's Hinton, 14-0 (10), has fought on network TV and proved that he's not only talented, but tough, too. Against Freddie Hernandez, he fought with an eye swollen shut, and against Alberto Martinez, one of the best 122-pounders in Mexico, he rallied after being badly hurt in the early rounds. Only 20, he's already rated in the top 12 by all three organizations.

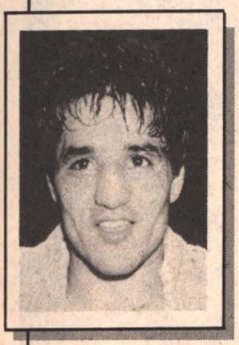


Ed Hopson, featherweight (May 1990): Boxing's toughest high school student is now a high school graduate. Hopson earned his diploma from St. Louis' Vashon High School in June. He's fought only twice this year, and is 7-0 (3) and holding because shortly after graduation, he tore a muscle in his right shoulder and underwent arthroscopic surgery. Now a full-time fighter, Hopson is expected back in the ring soon.

Joey Gamache, junior lightweight (June 1990): The cocky prospect was to become the first "New Face" to try for a world title, but his September crack at WBA champion Brian Mitchell was cancelled when Gamache, 20-0 (11), was injured in a July car accident in his hometown of Lewiston, Maine. He suffered cuts to his forehead and left eye, and ended up in a neck brace. As we went to press, Frankie Mitchell was scheduled to receive Gamache's title shot.

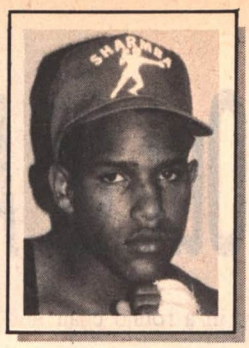


James Toney, middleweight (July 1990): Toney, 21-0-1, broke the New Faces winning streak when he was held to a draw in July by veteran Sanderline Williams, but the 160-pounder nevertheless seems ready to crack the top 10. Manager Jackie Kallen reports that Toney's next bout will likely be against a contender. She mentioned Merqui Sosa, Reggie Johnson, and Dennis Milton as possible foes. A bout against any of those middleweights would be of network quality.

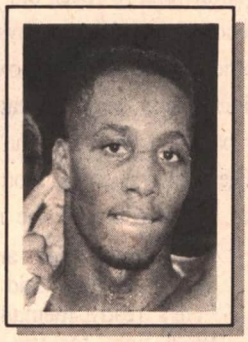


Fabian Tejeda, lightweight (August 1990): The Argentine 135-pound champion is seeking exposure, and Top Rank matchmaker Ron Katz says he'll be using Tejeda, 20-0 (18), on an ESPN card before the year is out. "All I hear is that he's a very exciting fighter," Katz said of the southpaw. "Everybody in Argentina has been touting him to me." A couple of appearances on American television will likely earn Tejeda a title shot; he's rated seventh by the WBC, eighth by the IBF, and ninth by the WBA.

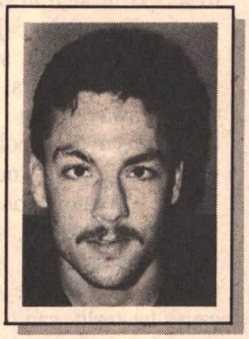
Sharmba Mitchell, lightweight (September 1990): Mitchell, 19-0 (9), turned 20 in August (it's scary to think there are active fighters who were born in the *'70s*) and the



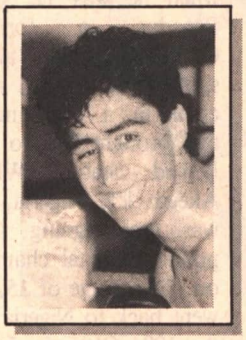
quality of the southpaw's opposition has been upgraded at a reasonable pace. Brenda Davis, who manages Mitchell with her husband Adrian, says, "We're *very* happy with his progress, and if an offer [for a world title shot] comes to us, we'll take it. But we won't rush into it for the money." The most sensible approach would be for Mitchell to use 1991 to establish himself as a top-10 lightweight. He needs the time to improve his suspect punching power.



Junior Jones, bantamweight (October 1990): For a 19-year-old bantamweight from Brooklyn, Jones, 11-0 (7), has received a surprising amount of attention. A two-time New York Golden Gloves winner who was initially developed by Madison Square Garden, "Poison" recently signed with Bob Arum's Top Rank. New York *Daily News* and *The Ring* columnist Michael Katz has been impressed enough to have called Jones "a future Hall-of-Famer." There's plenty of time for Jones to move forward—he's not even a 10-round fighter yet. But unless a lot of insiders are very wrong, he's destined for at least one world title.



Ricky Meyers, junior welterweight (November 1990): There can't be much of an update on Meyers, 12-0 (10), because he hasn't fought since appearing as a "New Face." (During his June stoppage of Jose Barboza, Meyers suffered a 25-stitch cut over his right eye; as we went to press, he was due to return in early-October.) Meyers is trained by Kevin Rooney, and his peekaboo defense and aggressive combination-punching style guarantee exciting fights. His future may well be determined by whether cuts become a chronic problem.



Francisco Arreola, featherweight (December 1990): Arreola, featured in last month's issue, is 19-1-2 (5). In his last outing, he won the Florida State featherweight title by decisioning Amos Cowart. "Frisco" is in desperate need of some exposure. A speed demon and a safety-first boxer without a home run punch, his style isn't going to win over that many fans, but he has the quality to break into the top 10. ■

Out Of Africa: KID AKEEM'S AMERICAN DREAM

By Robert Cassidy

Akeem Anifowoshe is curled up in a round chair and trying desperately to relax. He is sitting quietly in his 20th floor suite at TropWorld in Atlantic City, playing with a gold boxing glove that hangs from a chain hugging his neck. His eyes nervously search the room for something to focus on. But it is he who is the focus of the room. Visiting are a reporter, two young boys, and a photographer, and the obligatory clutter of clothes, suitcases, and boxing equipment all but covers their feet. His assistant trainer, Terry Stott, repeatedly walks in and out, complaining about a sale on candy bars and the toothache that resulted from his inability to pass up a good bargain. The fighter laughs at Stott, but it's a nervous laugh. When Stott again leaves, his eyes continue to pan the room.

Akeem is dressed in a silky, multicolored print outfit that hangs loosely over his 115-pound body like a set of drapes in front of an open window. A blue backdrop blocks the doorway into his room, and the photographer summons him to change. He quickly slides into trunks and laces on a pair of gloves. Now he is Kid Akeem, the NABF super flyweight champion, and he finally appears to be relaxed.

Kid Akeem began boxing at the age of nine, so it's no wonder that gloves and trunks help settle him. In fact, he is so comfortable in the ring that he hasn't lost a fight since he was a 16-year-old amateur fighting in the World Cup finals. For the remainder of his amateur career and right on through a 19-fight pro career, Akeem has been unbeatable. And almost untouchable. That's why he feels he deserves a shot at a world title.

"I really want to fight [IBF champion] Robert Quiroga in Texas," Akeem says in between poses. "All I'm waiting for is the opportunity to fight for a world title. If I have to, I'll go to Korea. I'll fight anybody in the world if I have to."

In Korea, title-fight scorecards don't always add up correctly, especially if the challenger comes from America. Even though he's just about to turn 22, Akeem is already wise enough to know that strange things can happen in boxing. That's why he would prefer to fight Quiroga. But his manager, Billy Baxter, isn't worried about scorecards and judges. Baxter's immediate concern is coaxing a world champion into the ring.

"I don't think anyone could beat him," Baxter said matter-of-factly. "He's ready mentally and physically. We'll fight for the championship tomorrow if we could get it."

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Akeem's smile is uncontrollable as the camera's motor drive clicks in rapid succession. He tries his best to look mean, but a wide grin manages to break through in each frame. The fighter just can't take himself seriously. Maybe that's because, away from the ring, Akeem is a polite, unassuming young man. Maybe because photo sessions, interviews, and TV fights are still new to him. Or maybe because he really can't believe that he's living the proverbial American dream.

Akeem came here from Lagos, Nigeria, when he was 12. Doc Broadus, a former George Foreman aide, spotted the talented amateur in a tournament and brought him to the United States. When Akeem left Nigeria, he was the reigning 106-pound national champion. At the age of 15, he went back to Nigeria and qualified for the 1984 Olympics by making the national team. He was sent home from

Kid Akeem's lethal right hand may allow him to realize his five-title dream.

Photos By Chris Farina

the Los Angeles Games, however, because he was too young to compete.

But Lagos, which is Nigeria's version of Manhattan, was not the right setting to advance a boxing career. Again he found himself in America.

"My life really changed by coming to America," Akeem said. "I did stupid stuff in Nigeria. I started smoking weed when I was nine. I'd be in prison right now. But I can't believe the change. Right now I don't mess with drugs, I don't drink, and I don't smoke."

While living in Las Vegas with Broadus, who is his legal guardian, Akeem won six Nevada state Golden Glove titles and graduated from Rancho High School with honors. He turned pro during his senior year. Obviously, Akeem was not the prototypical student/athlete. But to say that he was even a typical student is misleading. Back at the *Rancho*, things were a little different than he had expected.

"We believed that in America, everybody carried a gun," Akeem said.

At times, such stereotypes—his own and those of his fellow students—made the transition from Africa to the United States a little difficult.

"Everybody thought I grew up in a jungle," he said. "A girl in school asked me, 'Oh, do you see big tigers?' 'Yeah,' I said. 'I fight about seven of them every day.' "

Akeem shakes his head, sighs, and then proclaims, "I never saw a monkey in my life until I came here."

The last time Akeem saw his family was in 1986. He said he is treated like a king in Nigeria, but he won't go back until he wins a world title. The NABF belt is not enough. It's not a symbol of world dominance.

"The real championship is the *world* title," he said. "I miss my family. But I want to go back a *world* champion."

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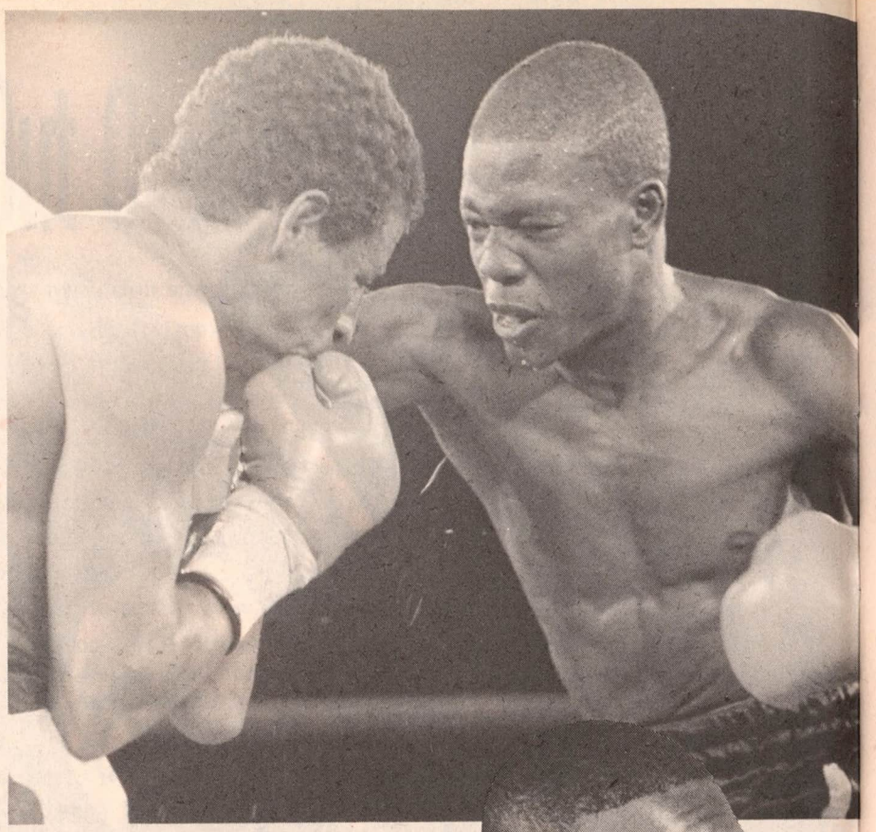
At 5'9" and 115 pounds, Kid Akeem is hardly an intimidating presence. His slender frame is lined with long, tight muscles. When eight-ounce gloves are laced onto his fists, they look like 16-ounce sparring gloves. Perhaps that's why Claudemir Dias figured he'd walk through Akeem's jab and take the fight away from him during their August encounter. But for all intent and purpose, the fight was a sparring session, sans headgear. The squat Dias, whose only loss had been a 15-round decision to WBA flyweight champion Hilario Zapata in 1986, didn't come close to Akeem—or to winning the fight.



It took eight rounds, but Akeem's power surfaced against the far more experienced Claudemir Dias.

Akeem threaded his left jab through Dias' defense and scored to both the head and body. He could have easily outpointed the Brazilian exclusively with his jab, but Akeem banged his opponent with left-right-left combinations and worked the body with long, spearing rights and exploding hooks. His dissection of Dias resembled what military experts must have in mind when they diagram a "surgical strike." Fired from a safe distance, Akeem's blows landed quickly, accurately, and sharply.

If there is a flaw, it is that Akeem is unusually easy to hit for a tall fighter. When the distance narrows, Akeem becomes a vulnerable fighter. But so far, no one has managed to close that distance long enough to get to him.

"He's a miniature Tommy Hearns or Mark Breland," said ESPN boxing analyst Wallace Matthews, who called the Dias fight. "He's a long-armed puncher who needs room to get his punches off. He has more power at the very end of his punches."

The strong-willed Dias, who often found himself at the very end of those punches, was wobbled on several occasions. Given Akeem's natural height and reach advantages, he punches with excellent leverage. Combine that with his speed, and the result is above-average power.

"I think I'm the best puncher of all the super flyweights," Akeem said. "And I'm still young. I'm still a baby."

The baby has a wife, Sharon, and two young sons. He hopes to provide for them what he did not have while growing up in Lagos.

"I think everything is changing now," Akeem said.

Things started to change when he left Broadus and met Baxter. Akeem was training at the Golden Gloves Gym in Las Vegas and boxing with some of the world's top fighters, like former champions Calvin Grove, Gilberto Roman, and Roger Mayweather. In 1986, it was Mayweather who introduced him to Baxter.

"Billy has done so many things for me," Akeem said. "He's like a father to me."

What he'd like to do for him now is secure a title fight. Both he and Akeem feel that the world is ready for super flyweights (or junior bantamweights).

"They have little guys on national TV now," Akeem said. "I believe very soon we'll be making close to a million dollars a fight."

The emergence of IBF junior flyweight champion and Olympic hero Michael Carbajal and the visibility of IBF featherweight champion Jorge Paez has exposed the casual TV sports fans to boxing below 135 pounds. And the ratings indicate those fans like what they've seen.

"Along with Michael Carbajal, these are two guys who will bring a lot of attention to the smaller weight classes," Matthews said.

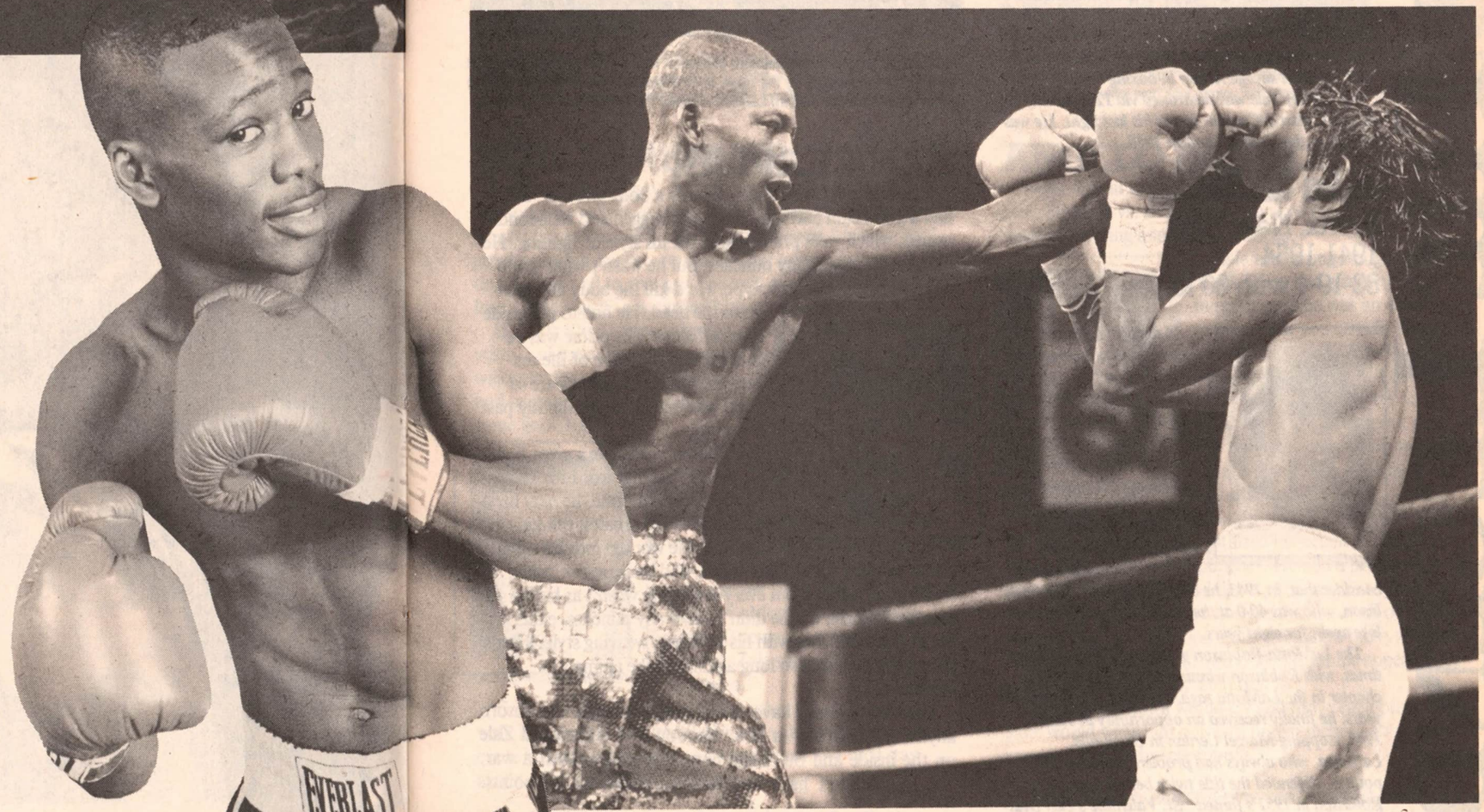
And with Quiroga in Texas and Johnny Tapia, the USBA 115-pound champion, based in New Mexico, Akeem has two natural rivals. Beyond those foes, he'll have to cross the International Date Line to find viable opponents. Or move up in weight.

"There's not really too many super flyweights in the USA," Akeem said. "And I want to win the super flyweight title before I move up. But there are a lot of bantamweights, and I believe someday I'm going to fight Orlando Canizales."

Canizales, the IBF bantamweight champion, and his WBC counterpart, Raul Perez, are both ranked among the top pound-for-pound fighters in the world. While Akeem has yet to challenge for even one super flyweight title, his ambitions are reinforced by Baxter, who predicts that his fighter will win *five* world titles, starting at 115 pounds. Baxter predicts that Akeem will reach his physical peak at 130 pounds.

"There's a lot of territory to cover," the manager said, "but he's got the size to go up. I think he will become one of the most popular and best-paid fighters at his weight."

And then Akeem will be proud to visit Nigeria, a king with five jewels in his crown. ■



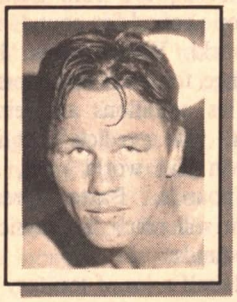
Memo Flores failed to overcome Akeem's exceptional reach during their NABF 115-pound title fight in May. Akeem won by 12th-round TKO. His manager, Billy Baxter, is already seeking a title shot.

BATTLE OF THE LEGENDS

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Tony Zale

Gary, Indiana
1934-1948
67-18-2 with 45 kayos



Anthony Florian Zaleski was nicknamed "The Man Of Steel," not only because of his work in the mills of Indiana, but also because of his fighting style. Zale was the type of 160-pounder that gave his division its reputation. Courageous and determined, he welcomed a brawl, willing to test his iron chin and devastating bodypunches against all opposition.

In his 59th fight, Zale won the NBA middleweight title with a 13th-round stoppage of Al Hostak. He made two defenses, and then captured the world crown with a 15-round decision over Georgie Abrams. Zale had one more bout—a points loss to Billy Conn—before serving in World War II. His ring absence lasted three years. Upon his return, he engaged in a three-bout series with Rocky Graziano. Zale won the first and third bouts of what is considered the most savage rivalry in boxing history.

At age 35, Zale was dethroned via 12th-round kayo by Marcel Cerdan. It was his last fight. He was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1958.

Jake LaMotta

Bronx, New York
1941-1954
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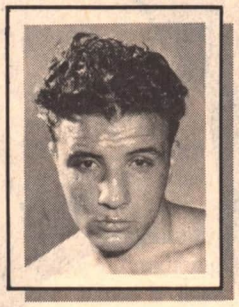


LaMotta prepared for his tumultuous career by brawling on the streets of New York City. Driven by as intense an inner rage as the ring had ever seen, he would absorb unimaginable amounts of punishment before clubbing his rivals into submission. Those who question LaMotta's legacy should consider that, in 1943, he decisioned Sugar Ray Robinson, who was 40-0 at the time. Robinson would not lose again for eight years.

The LaMotta-Robinson grudge—they fought five times, with Robinson winning four—was only one chapter in the LaMotta saga. Denied a title shot for years, he finally received an opportunity in June 1949, stopping Marcel Cerdan in 10 rounds. LaMotta, who always had problems making 160 pounds, defended the title twice before losing it to Robinson in 1951's famed "St. Valentine's Day Massacre." He never contended again, but it wasn't until his 103rd bout, against Danny Nardico, that an opponent was able to floor "The Raging Bull."

Fight fans will forever debate the merits of champions from different ages. In "Battle Of The Legends," the editors of THE RING play matchmaker and pit two of the all-time greats against each other. Three experts serve as judges. If there are particular dream matches that you'd like to see featured, please write to us

LaMotta, as rugged a middleweight champion as the ring has ever seen, felt no need to always play by the rules, as is illustrated during his title-winning effort against Marcel Cerdan. LaMotta stopped the Frenchman in 10 rounds.

HANK KAPLAN

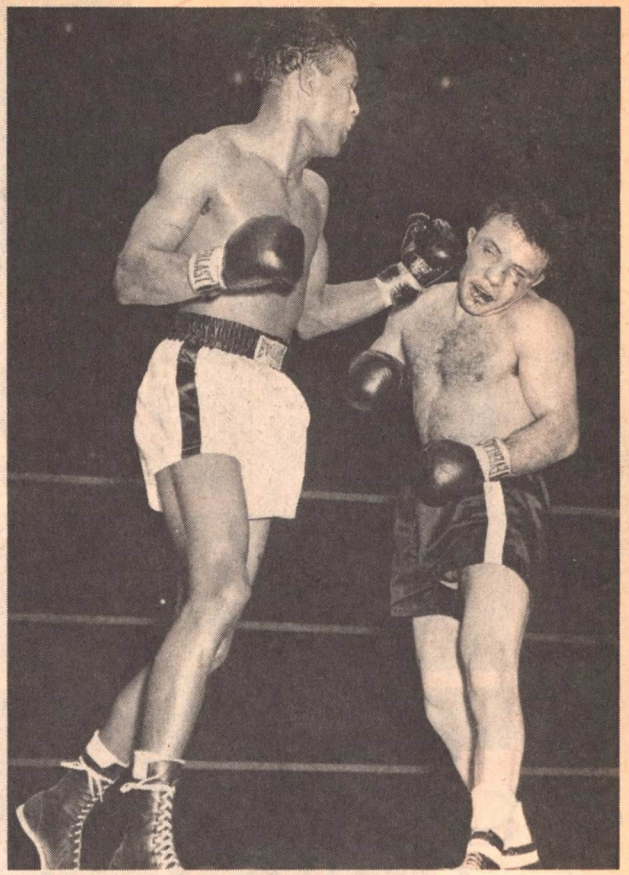
Zale was a two-fisted guy, mainly a body-wrecker. He had a good chin and was tough and rugged and well-conditioned, which were prerequisites for his style of fighting. He didn't waste too many punches, but he wasn't what you'd call a thinking, scientific type. He'd kill the body and later go to the head. He had to get inside to be effective. His prime was before the war, and one of the reasons the Graziano fights were so good was that Zale was slightly past his prime.

I wouldn't call Zale a great fighter, but I'd use that word for LaMotta. Up to his time, he may have been one of the greatest thinkers in the ring. He worked into his opponents, evading the straight rights, and once on the inside, throwing punches from every angle. He wasn't as hard a puncher as Zale, but he didn't waste any punches, either. He avoided punches with his bobbing, weaving style. That's the reason he lasted so long against all the animals he fought.

LaMotta would have been tough enough to absorb anything Zale threw at him. He would've outsmarted Zale on the inside and outboxed him. It would've been a war. But he wouldn't have kayoed Zale. LaMotta on points.

Hank Kaplan is among boxing's foremost archivists and historians. He is currently working on a book on the history of Italians in the fight game.

Zale and Rocky Graziano fought three times. Each bout was unforgettably brutal. Historians, however, are quick to point out that Zale's prime was pre-World War II, and long before the heavily hyped series with Graziano.

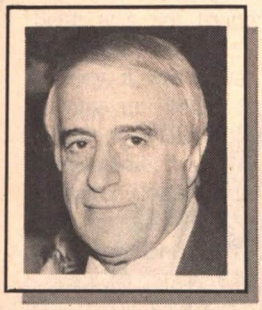


LaMotta flaunted arguably the best chin in history. His ability to absorb punishment was proven during his five-fight series with the legendary Sugar Ray Robinson, who won four times, but could never floor his rival.

TEDDY BRENNER

Zale was a tough guy, a duplicate of LaMotta, except LaMotta was a little quicker. Zale was better off when he was on top of you. When he fought Georgie Abrams, he got dropped in the first round. He got up and was a bulldog. He refused to give up. The only way he was going to lose a fight was if they carried him out.

If Sugar Ray Robinson hadn't come around in the same years, LaMotta would've been the fighter of the decade. He was exceptionally strong, his taking of a punch was legend, and he punched hard enough to be respectable. He kayoed some good fighters.



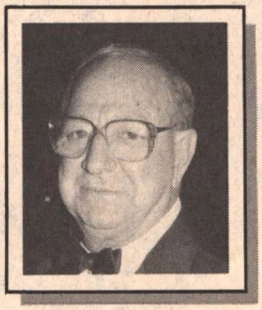
I'll tell you a little story: In 1946, before Zale beat Rocky Graziano at Yankee Stadium, he was offered a title defense against LaMotta. He was told Graziano wanted 30 percent because he was a big draw, and he'd also get 30 percent. But against LaMotta, Jake would've taken 10 percent, leaving Zale 50 percent. Zale still said, "I'll take Graziano."

Each guy would try to back the other up. Zale would walk in a straight line, and LaMotta's ability to move would come in handy. LaMotta could box better and he'd stay ahead of him. LaMotta by decision.

Teddy Brenner, who makes matches for Top Rank, is arguably the greatest matchmaker in boxing history.

ANGELO DUNDEE

What a great matchup! This would be the greatest fight ever. Strength vs. strength. Survival of the fittest. They'd meet in mid-ring and let the shots go.



Zale was strong, tough, gutty, durable. He had a repertoire of punches, and he was an excellent puncher, but you couldn't judge his power by the Graziano fights because Rocky was always off-balance. Zale didn't have the finesse of a LaMotta, and only speed guys like Sugar Ray Robinson were able to take apart Jake. Zale didn't have that quickness.

LaMotta was much quicker than anyone gave him credit for. He was short, and he utilized his height by making himself shorter and slipping punches. He had a pretty strong jab, even though it looked like a pitty-pat. That jab set up the bodypunches. He also had the thickest skull of any individual I ever saw. He took shots from light heavyweights like Bob Satterfield, and you'd see the lumps appear on his head. Then he'd knock them out.

Zale and LaMotta would try and move each other back. Jake would wear him out with bodypunches and wind up stopping him in the late rounds.

Angelo Dundee, a world-renowned manager and trainer of champions, is now working with middleweight king Michael Nunn.

"The one thing men have not learned to do is stick up for their own instinctive feelings, against the things they are taught."

—D.H. Lawrence

NIGEL BENN

Boxing's Baddest Bad Boy

plays by his own rules

By Jeff Ryan

So Britons think that Nigel Benn is too flashy, huh? They've about had it with the glitter and the sequins and the robes that look like spacesuits designed by Giorgio of NASA? So what should he wear? Something more Bruno-esque, perhaps? Maybe all white, so he can be utterly unpretentious and satisfy the dress code of the staid Wimbledon folks at the same time? Well, after watching him fight, allow us to suggest something with real long sleeves, the better on which to wear his emotions. Perhaps he'd like to try on a pair of No Excuses jeans while he's at it, too.

"Why did I hit Barkley when he was down?" asks Benn, his voice a blend of cockney and cocky. "Because he was trying to get up. That's the honest truth."

It is a September day in London, and England's native son, Benn, is reliving his controversial first-round kayo of Iran Barkley three weeks earlier. If there is one fight that serves as a microcosm for all that's right and wrong with Nigel Benn, all that makes him both boxing's most exciting fighter and its most likely candidate to commit career suicide, it was revealed in a three-minute psychological profile that Saturday afternoon in Las Vegas.

"The Dark Destroyer" attacked quickly, putting the former WBC king down with a right and left just 16 seconds into the action, and eventually forcing a stoppage via the three-knockdown rule. But along the way he got wobbled himself, and brazenly hit Barkley on the chin while "The Blade" was already on his hands and knees from the second knockdown. (Benn missed two punches he threw at a floored Barkley after the first knockdown, as well as a bomb fired while Barkley was attempting to rise. No, Benn was not trying out for a spot on *The American Gladiators.*)

"Hey, it was a war," Benn says coolly. "Barkley wasn't waving no white flag. He hit Thomas Hearns when Hearns was falling through the ropes. Look, this is a hard man's game, it ain't for pussycats. After the fight, Barkley's manager [John Reetz] was a complete jackass. He says, 'You hit him when he was on the floor.' We weren't in there for dancing."

Like all fighters, Nigel Benn was taught from the first time he walked through a gym door that when he starts to feel canvas, and not asphalt, under his feet, the game is played a whole lot differently. This is not the street, but

the ring, a place that welcomes emotion as much as it does another in-depth study by the American Medical Association.

You're scared? You stare the other guy down to hide it. You're sad and demoralized? You commandeer the nearest live microphone and shout, "I want a rematch." You're angry? Never *ever* be angry. Fighting mad can get you hurt. That emotion, that fury, that raw passion that gets you over on a corner marked by some street gang's graffiti can get you killed in a corner marked by a Budweiser turnbuckle.

It's a message the 26-year-old Benn has chosen to ignore through 28 pro bouts, 27 of them victories, and 25 of those coming by kayo. Benn is 160 pounds of unrestrained emotion, his body a blender that takes anger, hate, and destruction, uses two whirling fists to mix them together, and creates a concoction that almost always leaves the opponent in a drunken stupor.

Benn is bulging muscles, relentless pressure, and crippling power. He is punching angles that are geometrically impossible, right crosses launched from the mezzanine, and uppercut *leads*. He is a warrior with no defense and chin, but an unquenchable thirst for the toe-to-toe exchange.

He ran at Anthony Logan like a maniac when the opening bell sounded in their 1988 clash at London's Royal Albert Hall, and was quickly driven to the floor by a short right hand. Undaunted, he got up and kept charging. In round two, Benn absorbed (by his own count) 22 unanswered punches, and was sent teetering helplessly across the ring. But then, with the fight seconds away from being stopped, he reached down to what seemed like somewhere beneath the ring for a left hook, brought it up in a swing of complete desperation, and connected with Logan's jaw. Fight over. *Pheew!*

"I let emotion take over," said Benn.

Never before had Benn's temperament come so close to costing him, but he didn't care. Before the fight, Logan had said Benn was "garbage." Benn would show him what garbage was. Jabbing and feinting, waiting for openings, winning with controlled aggression, now *that's* garbage. Engage Benn in an undisciplined gunfight, however, and he'll second that emotion.

"We're not talking about a great fighter in terms of talent," says NBC's blow-by-blow announcer Marv Albert. "But his fights are always fun. There's always a blazing start, and he's always wide-open and flailing away."

Though Benn is incredibly emotional, one who encounters him for the first time finds an intelligent, well-spoken, fun-loving father of three. He's funny and incredibly self-assured. But most of all, he is the kind of guy who prefers to set his own rules, not abide by somebody else's, be that a trainer, a referee, or even the FCC. After bombing Iran, Benn told interviewer Alex Wallau and his ABC audience, "I wanted to show that us Brits ain't a bunch of pussies. We come to fight!"

The British fighter, as Benn is well aware, has a bit of an image problem in the United States these days. American TV viewers tune in hoping to see the type of gallant soldier who stormed through the Falkland Islands, and instead, they usually see some guy who's about as aggressive as a gardener tiptoeing across the green grass of the All-England Tennis Club.

"The reputation comes," says Benn, "because too many of us always end up horizontal."

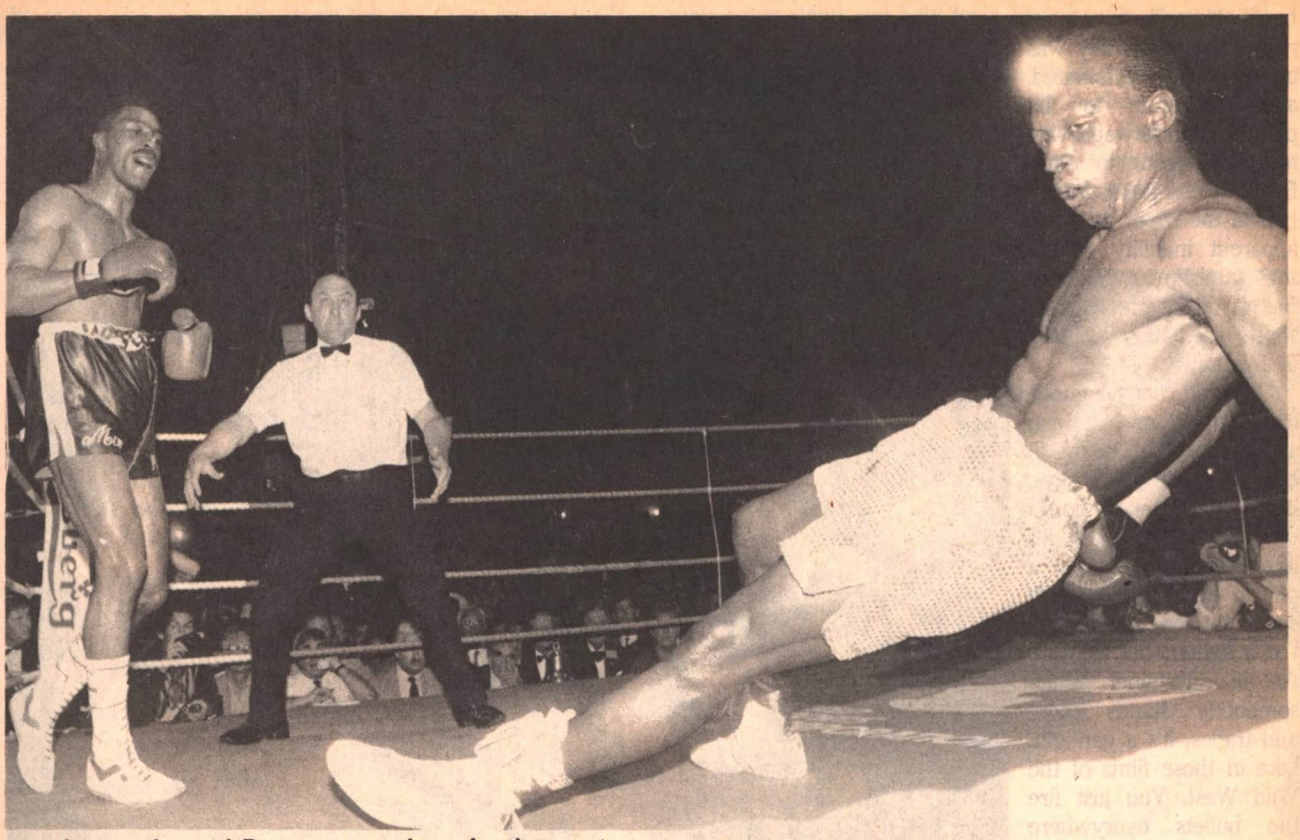
If only the British fighters were half as tough as their fans. The fans bring glass projectiles to the fights, and the guys they come to cheer bring glass jaws. Last year, British light heavyweight Tony Wilson had to rely on his mother to rescue him from a pounding by Steve McCarthy. Sixty-two-year-old Minna Wilson bolted past guards, climbed into the ring, and beat McCarthy bloody with her high-heeled shoe. (Maternal killer instinct?)

The two most beloved British fighters of all time are heavyweights Henry Cooper and Frank Bruno. Cooper is best known for photos that made him look Sissy Spacek with a bucket of blood dumped on her head in the movie *Carrie*. Bruno is best remembered—like London Bridge—for falling down, falling down, falling down, in his case,

In and out of the ring, Benn marches to his own beat. The bad boy may have an image problem in his native England, but on the international stage, he's viewed as one of boxing's most exciting and unpredictable performers.

against Bonecrusher Smith, Tim Witherspoon, and Mike Tyson.

No, the image of the British fighter is not an appealing one, but it's one Benn himself did a lot to foster in his May 1989 bout with Michael Watson. Encountering an intelligent boxer who elected to play rope-a-dope rather than stand and trade, Benn spent five rounds pounding away futilely at Watson's elbows and gloves. Finally, in the



In a showdown of British middleweights, cool, precise Michael Watson, the antithesis of Benn, scored a seventh-round kayo. Watson finished Benn with a jab, leading observers to question whether "The Dark Destroyer" had the heart to match his power.

seventh, an exhausted Benn was put down for the count with *a jab.* The perception of many ringsiders was that he simply quit.

"I'd never give up," Benn fires back. "I got up before 10, but the referee wasn't looking at me. I got frustrated in that fight. When you get frustrated, you get tired mentally. I never knew how to box. He was patient, and I was looking for a good, old-fashioned tear-up."

After the fight, Benn broke from British trainer Brian Lynch and hired American Vic Andretti. It was a move, Benn says, that has provided him with renewed confidence, not to mention more productive sparring sessions.

"Before, if someone got in the ring with me, it was only to see how quickly I could put him on the floor," Benn says. "There was no footwork, no tactics, no learning how to avoid a jab."

The loss to Watson hung over Benn like the London fog, but he took a step toward erasing it in an April 1990 shootout with Doug DeWitt, a veteran contender who fights too much like Benn for his own good. DeWitt, who had long been known for his ability to take a punch, and only three months earlier absorbed every one of Matthew Hilton's pulverizing left hooks en route to halting the Canadian, was put down by Benn four times before the fight was stopped in round eight.

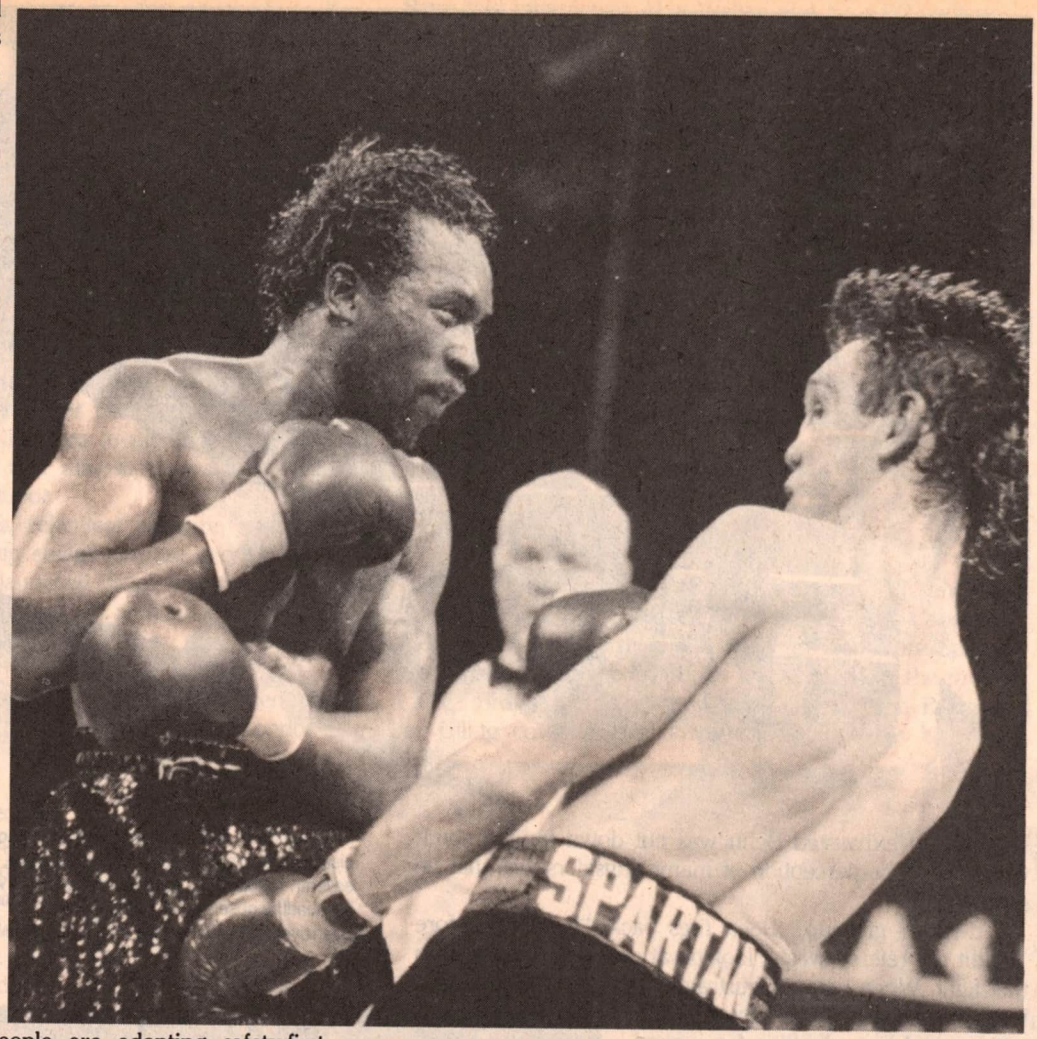
Ever the master of dramatic tension, Benn, of course, made the plot fairly unpredictable by toppling from a left

Benn was all offense during his one-round war vs. Iran Barkley. But afterward, he had to defend himself against those who believed he should have been disqualified for punching while Barkley was down.

hook himself in round two. Though Barkley was being totally dominated, and appeared to be punching underwater, he, too, managed to stun Benn, at one point driving him to the ropes. It is this apparent inability to absorb punishment that has Benn's critics predicting a short, albeit dazzling, stay at the top.

"Hey, I'm not no pussyfoot merchant," Benn says, unfazed. "I want to be king of the tough guys. It doesn't matter if I go on the floor. I'll get up. It's like someone putting a pin in your backside. It spurs you on. People say I'm a fighter, but I'm not. I'm an entertainer. When somebody stands there and trades, it's a gunfight. Like in those films of the Wild West. You just fire the bullets everywhere and pray that one hits.

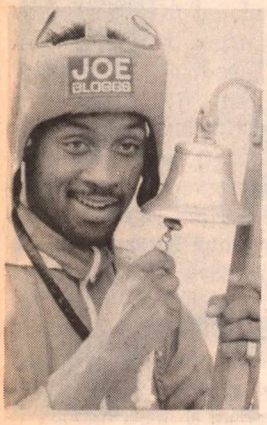
"The way things are going today, M.C. Hammer could come into boxing. He moves all over the place, like Michael Nunn. This sport's dying on its feet. Too many people are adopting safety-first tactics. True fighters are a dying breed."



The fight that established Benn as both a world-class contender and potential star was his off-the-floor eighth-round kayo of veteran Doug DeWitt in April (above). Since that victory, Benn has been ringing out a warning for the world's top middleweights (below left). His first choice: Ray Leonard.

Benn hopes he is making some inroads toward eliminating the belief of many American fans that the description *British fighter* is an oxymoron. Now, if he can only do something about the fans back home in England, too, many of whom think he is just a regular moron.

"Here, he's not seen as a lovable figure at all," says Harry Mullan, the editor of Britain's *Boxing News*. "Too often he's photographed doing things like taking delivery of a car that cost £90,000 pounds [about $150,000 in American money]. He's not someone people identify with easily. He's not the cuddly-bear figure Frank Bruno is. He's flashy and arrogant, very much in the Lloyd Honeyghan mold."



"Don't ever talk to me about Honeyghan," snaps Benn. "I'm never gonna abuse what I've got. When you're up there, you're a role model. Lots of kids store their hopes and ambitions in you. Lloyd gave nothing back to those people."

Benn is heavily involved in charity work, and is especially proud of the friendship he has developed with Timmy Mapother, a young boy with cerebral palsy. Benn flies the youngster to his bouts, and talks to him on the phone constantly, even though Mapother is unable to speak clearly. Benn is angry that his Bentley Turbo and Porsche 911 convertible get more attention than his attempts to interact with his fans, but he thinks he knows why.

"I'm a young guy with a lot of money," he says. "You get one shot at life, and I want to try and enjoy some things. The critics say I'm flashy only because I come from the working class. If I had blond hair and blue eyes and came from an upwardly mobile family, what would be said about my lifestyle and income? Zilch."

Benn grew up in East London, an area, he tells an American reporter, that "makes your Bronx look like a nursery. I wasn't born with a silver spoon in my mouth, not even a wooden one. Maybe one of those plastic ones from the local Acme."

When he was 17, Benn joined the army, and the subsequent five years he spent in the service included an 18-month tour of duty in Northern Ireland.

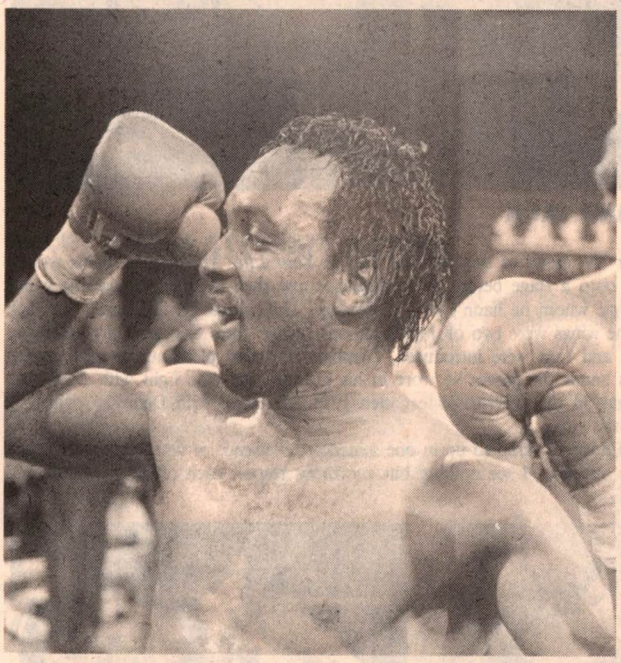
It was in the army that Benn learned how to box. He refuses to discuss those days except to say that the ease with which he could have been killed on the streets of Belfast taught him to never worry about pleasing anyone but himself.

"If you're from the streets, you won't get jealous of me,"

he says. "The kids on the street tell me, 'You inspire me.' *They* are my people. I don't care what anyone else says. I've got no academic qualifications, but I have a degree in street credibility."

Benn is right when he says he can walk the streets proudly. What he can't always do is walk them safely. Last year, after a bicyclist was shot in London, witnesses told police that the alleged gunman strongly resembled Benn. Scotland Yard then made the foolish decision to use a retouched photo of the fighter as a sketch of the fugitive.

The day the picture was printed in the *Evening Standard,* Benn was involved in 16 incidents of frantic passers-by stopping him on the street. One man, attempting to make a citizen's arrest, jumped Benn and wrestled him to the ground. The fighter injured the knuckles on his right hand punching the man in the head. Benn's lawsuit against the police was settled out of court, resulting, he says, in a "substantial amount of money."



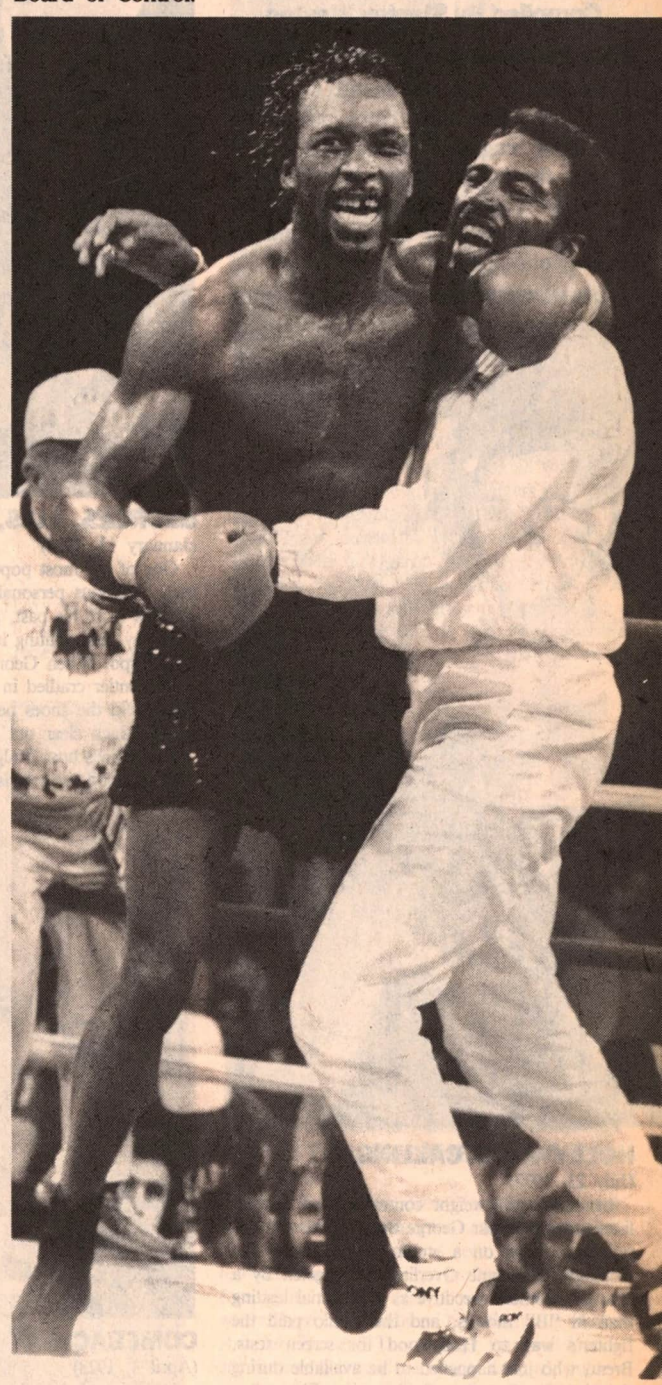
Benn is cocky, emotional, and demonstrative (above). As a result, he draws an immediate response from everyone. The British bomber and manager Ambrose Mendy (right) celebrate after Benn's upset kayo of Doug DeWitt. "If you're from the streets, you won't get jealous of me," Benn says.

This past March, at a marketplace in East London, a man walked up and squirted ammonia in Benn's eyes. Fortunately, a medical team that worked across the street came rushing out of their building and attended to him before he was taken to a hospital. Though Benn suffered from dilated pupils for three weeks, he suffered no permanent damage.

As risky as Benn's style may be, the ring may be the one place that he feels the safest, though it's still far from being a place where he feels content. Contentment will come in the form of a bout with one of the middleweight division's elite, all of whom have been mentioned as possible Benn foes. Naturally, Benn prefers Sugar Ray Leonard "in a ring that's six-foot-by-six-foot," but he'll settle for Thomas Hearns. As for Michael Nunn ... well ...

"Nunn is boring," Benn says. "He cheats the public. I'll never be a champion who runs around the ring. I couldn't live with that. People talk about me fighting Nunn. There'd have to be a penalty clause in the contract that makes him stand and fight for a few seconds every round. I don't want to chase him while he moonwalks."

If that penalty clause becomes a sticking point in negotiations, Benn might want to consider a clash with fellow Englishman Chris Eubank, a showdown that has been proposed for the home soil. If he does, though, Benn will first have to do a little something about straightening out this nasty mess he's gotten into with the British Boxing Board of Control.



Angry that the Board wouldn't sanction Benn-Barkley in England because Barkley had previously undergone surgery for a detached retina, Benn decided to react the way he does best: emotionally. During a postfight interview with Britain's ITV, Benn produced his BBBC license, held it up to the camera, and tore it into pieces.

Having already proven his toughness in the ring, is Benn now trying to convince us of how tough he is on paper? ■

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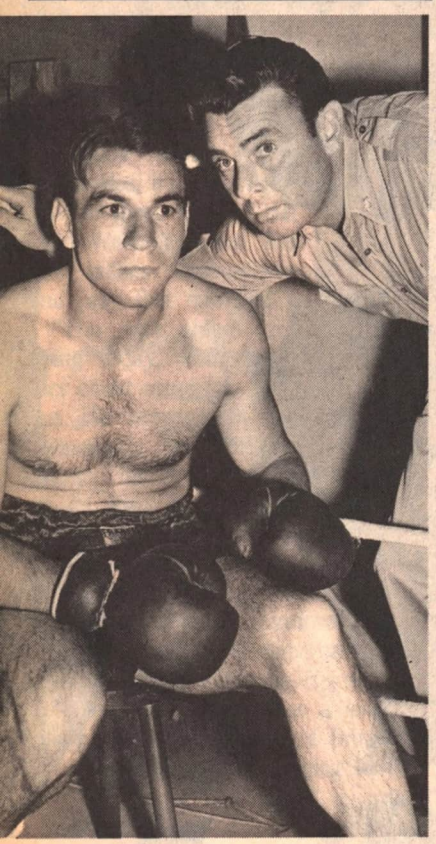
GEORGES, LUIS, AND JACK

(January 17, 1957)

One of the most popular TV shows of the '50s was *This Is Your Life.* The show's theme was to trick a famous personality onto a stage before a live audience and then to draw out of the wings subjects from his past, people whom he hadn't seen in decades. The subject on this night was Jack Dempsey, and waiting in the wings were two of Jack's famous former foes, Georges Carpentier and Luis Firpo. When Georges and Luis were introduced, Dempsey appeared pleasantly dumbfounded.

Carpentier cradled in his hands the gloves he wore in his historic 1921 title fight with Jack, and Firpo held the shoes he wore in the never-to-be-forgotten 1923 title brawl with Dempsey, when he slugged Jack clear out of the ring.

The show's host, Ralph Edwards, summed up in one sentence the essence of what all America saw that night on the television screens: "I see nothing but enormous respect each of you has for each other."

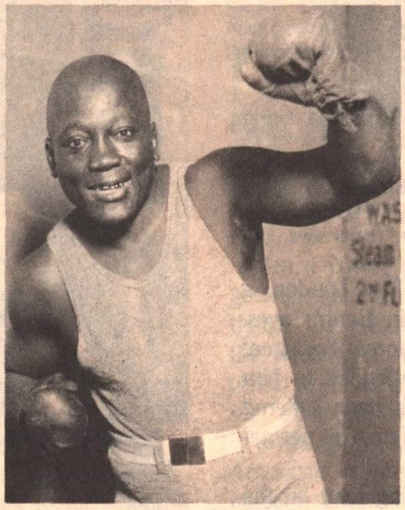


HOLLYWOOD CALLING

(July 23, 1937)

Leading middleweight contender Ken Overlin listens to movie star George Brent in this publicity photo taken on a studio sound stage. The strikingly handsome Overlin was targeted by a Warner Brothers executive as a potential leading man in "B" movies, and the studio paid the fighter's way to Hollywood for screen tests. Brent, who just happened to be available during shooting breaks of a forthcoming film when Overlin showed up on the lot, was ordered to "work with the publicity guys." The star's heart wasn't in it, but he obeyed orders.

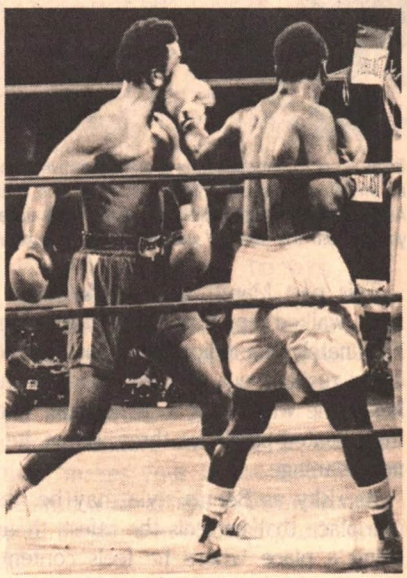
As for potential movie star Overlin, he never did make it into the movies, but he did manage to win the world middleweight championship from Ceferino Garcia in 1940. Ken, who racked up a ring record of only 13 defeats in 149 pro bouts, had the distinction of being the first world champion managed by Chris Dundee.



COMEBACK AT AGE 50

(April 3, 1928)

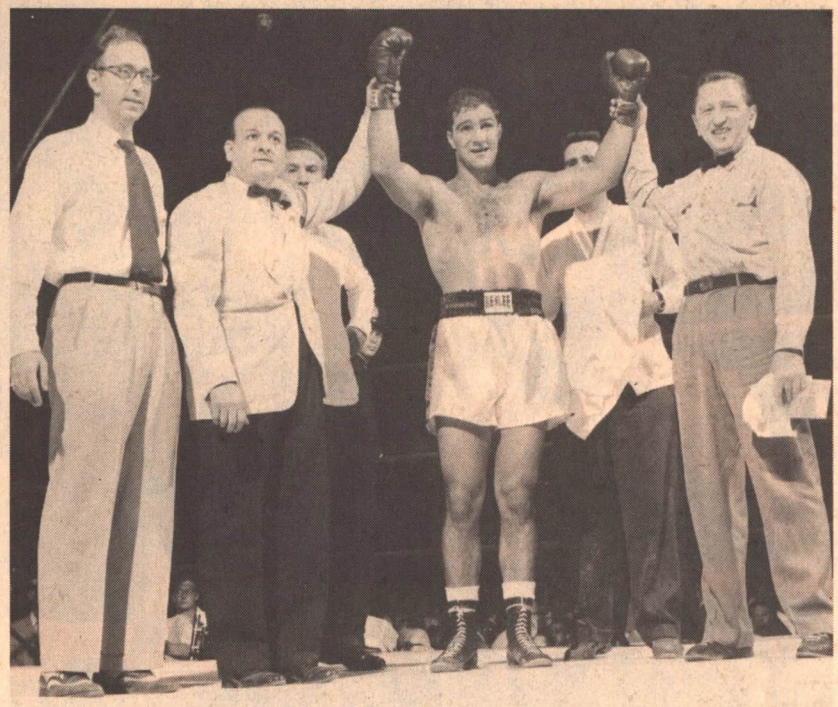
Legendary former heavyweight champion Jack Johnson flashes his famous "golden" smile while training for a comeback bout with Bearcat Wright in Topeka, Kansas. Jack turned 50 the month before and hadn't fought in two years, but he honestly believed, as he had done throughout his turbulent career, that he could whip any man on earth. This time he was wrong. Bearcat, a better-than-average heavyweight half Johnson's age, won by TKO when Jack was too exhausted to finish the fifth round.



SMOKIN' JOE'S BEST SHOT

(January 22, 1973)

Although completely overpowered by challenger George Foreman in the two rounds during which the fight lasted, defending heavyweight champion Joe Frazier did manage to land one explosive shot, this left hook that rocked Big George down to his heels. Foreman quickly recovered and roared back to win the title in Kingston, Jamaica.



ROCKY'S 42nd STRAIGHT VICTORY

(July 28, 1952)

Rocky Marciano's devastating fists are raised in victory after he brutalized Harry "Kid" Matthews en route to a second-round knockout at New York's Yankee Stadium. It was Rocky's 42nd consecutive win and his 37th knockout. Two months later, he would kayo Jersey Joe Walcott to become champion.

FLYWEIGHT GIANTS

(June 18, 1923)

Not only were Jimmy Wilde and Pancho Villa two of the greatest flyweights of all time, they were also two of the greatest fighters in history, regardless of weight. Wilde, called "The Mighty Atom," was idolized in his native Wales, just as Villa was in his native Philippines. Defending champion Wilde is on the scales as they weigh in for their New York bout, won by Villa on a seventh-round knockout. It was the 31-year-old Wilde's last fight, and only his sixth defeat in 153 bouts.

WELCOME INTO THE HALL OF FAME

(January 3, 1956)

A cluster of great former champions, all previously inducted into the Ring Magazine Hall of Fame, gathered at a New York restaurant to welcome the Hall's newest inductee, former light heavyweight champion and master boxer Tommy Loughran. Left to right: Tony Canzoneri, Loughran, Barney Ross, Mickey Walker, *Ring* publisher Nat Fleischer, and Abe Attell. Fleischer presented Tommy with a bronze plaque of *The Ring's* first cover.

IS PASTOR ANOTHER TUNNEY?

(May 1933)

When Bob Pastor, New York State amateur light heavyweight champion and a student at New York University, was seen reading college textbooks and Shakespeare in dressing rooms before fights, veteran *New York Journal* boxing writer Hype Igoe headlined his column, *Is Pastor Another Tunney?* The analogy was well-founded. Tunney had received almost as much notoriety for his quoting Shakespeare as he did for his stunning ring victories.

Pastor turned professional when he completed his formal education and compiled a highly respectable record as a heavyweight contender. The highlight of his career came in 1937, when he lost a 10-round decision to Joe Louis. But the college boy didn't fare as well in his return fight with "The Brown Bomber." In 1939, Louis, then heavyweight champion, knocked out Pastor in 11 rounds. No, Bob wasn't another Tunney.

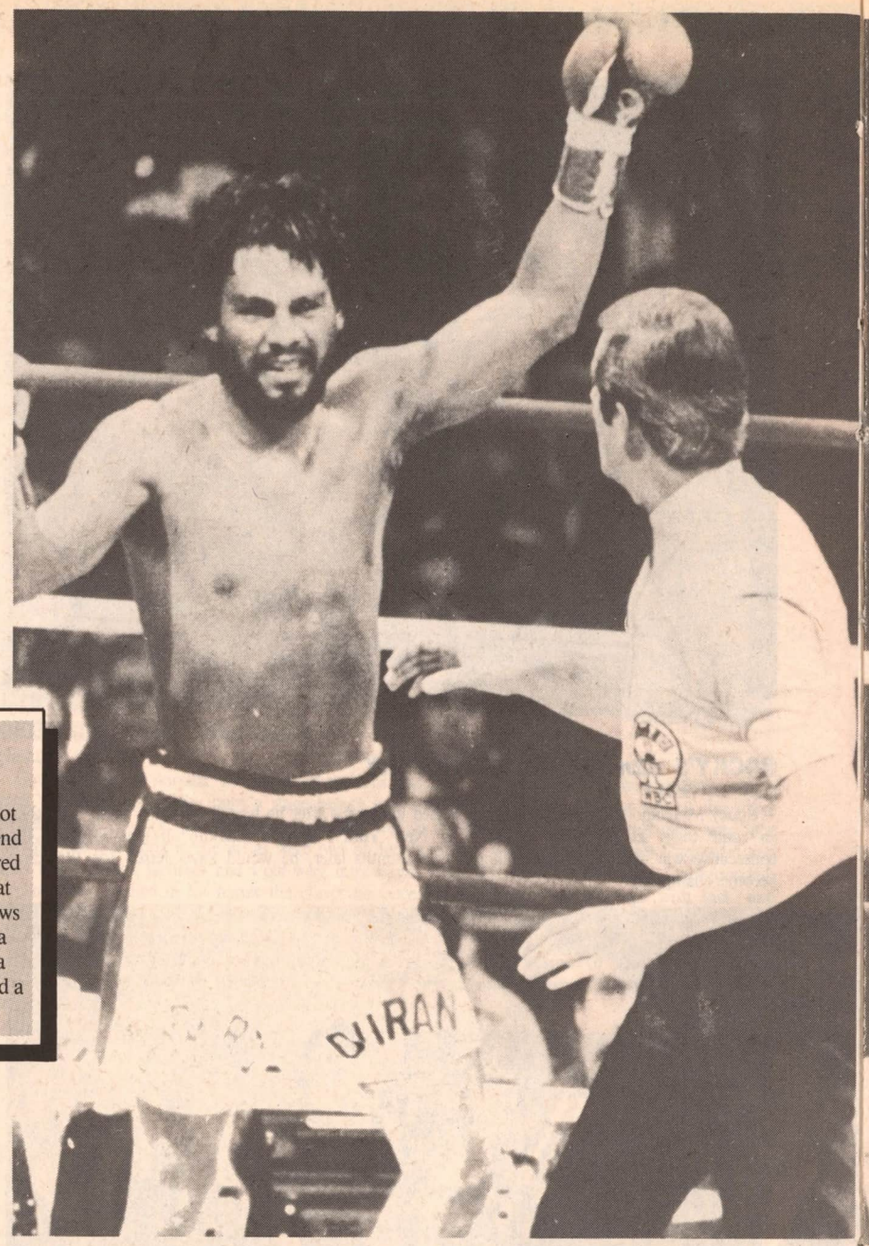
For over 1,000 years, Roman conquerors returning from the wars enjoyed the honor of a triumph, a tumultuous parade . . . The conqueror rode in a triumphal chariot . . . A slave stood behind the conqueror, holding a golden crown, and whispered in his ear a warning: "All glory is fleeting."
—General George S. Patton Jr.

10 Years Later... What Roberto Duran Refuses To Reveal About "NO MAS"

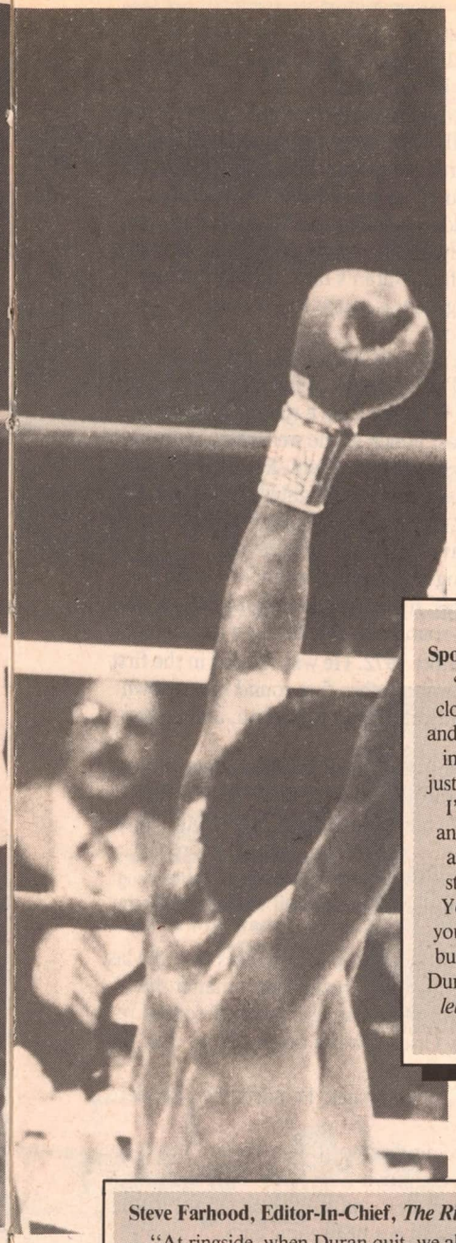
By Ed Maloney

Roberto Duran, already a national hero in his native Panama and to Latinos in America, received such a welcome, sans the slave, when he returned home from Montreal several days after winning the WBC welterweight title from Sugar Ray Leonard on June 20, 1980. Duran's win, an exciting 15-round unanimous decision, gave him a second world title (he had been the lightweight champion from 1972-1978) and cemented his claim to the unofficial title of the world's best pound-for-pound fighter.

With Muhammad Ali retired, and the upstart Leonard defeated, the champion stood alone as the number-one star in boxing. Duran's reign, however, lasted five months and five days. For on November 25, 1980, the unthinkable happened: The greatest active fighter in the world, the animal with a serial killer's eyes and those hands of stone, the champion with a record of 71-1 and 55 kayos, turned his back in the eighth round of his rematch with Leonard, waved his right hand in surrender, and said, "No mas."



Ollie Dunlap
Leonard camp coordinator:
"It's a blemish. But not that much. He's a legend and he'll be remembered as one. It's like a great quarterback who throws five interceptions in a game. Duran's had a great career, but he had a bad night."



Art Rust Jr.
Sports Historian/Author:
"The other guy was clowning, showboating, and frustrating him, making fun of him. Duran just said, 'The hell with it, I'm not going to fight anymore.' It's as simple as that. It's like being stuck in a traffic jam. You want to get out of your car and walk away, but of course you don't. Duran did. It's a *cause celebre;* people will never forget it."

With the force of an atomic bomb, the words destroyed a legend that had germinated long before Duran had turned pro in 1967. Now, 10 years after the historic bout, the question is still being asked: How could a man who had an unequaled reputation for toughness just quit, especially against a fighter he held in contempt?

"Cramps," Duran answered.

"You've got to understand," said Luis Henriquez, Duran's former interpreter and co-manager. "Duran's dislike for Leonard started in 1977."

Henriquez said Duran had his eye on Leonard from the time the 1976 Olympic gold medalist turned pro early in 1977.

Henriquez, who watched Leonard's first fight on television with Duran, recalled, "Here's Leonard, fighting Luis Vega [7-5-2], who had five consecutive losses, and they paid him $40,000! And Roberto says, 'I hope he loses.' But I told him, 'You will have to fight him someday,' which he knew. It bothered Roberto that he was not given the recognition that Ali got. Then Leonard, who hadn't done anything, comes along and is the number-one draw. Duran was really upset.

"So, he put everything into the first fight in Montreal. Winning that fight meant everything to him. He was in the best shape of his life."

Al Braverman
Director of Boxing for Don King Productions:
"It was Latino frustration. He just got pissed off and said f____ you! He knew he made a dreadful mistake, but he's rectified it by winning two more world titles."

But for the rematch?

"He began training in late-September," Henriquez continued. "But he was overweight. Once I told him that a letter of credit [for his multimillion-dollar purse] was in a bank in Panama, and that all he had to do was make the weight, he became a different person.

"He brought in some *doctor* to camp. I don't even think he was a real doctor. He stopped listening to Freddie Brown and Ray Arcel [Duran's two longtime trainers, who had more than 100 years of boxing experience between them]. So instead of losing the weight gradually, like Freddie and Ray wanted, he listened to the other guy and arrived in New Orleans two weeks before the fight 12 pounds overweight."

But Henriquez emphasized that Duran didn't underestimate Leonard.

"He trained very hard, but losing the weight at the end really hurt him. He was not his best."

And that's what it had taken to beat Leonard the first time.

From the opening bell, the rematch was strikingly different from the first fight. This time, Leonard was on the balls of his feet, sticking and moving—*always* moving—utilizing his eight-inch reach advantage and superior hand and foot speed, and beating Duran to the punch, then dancing out of harm's way. It was a battle plan the challenger successfully employed the entire fight.

Steve Farhood, Editor-In-Chief, *The Ring*:
"At ringside, when Duran quit, we all looked at each other quizzically. Then slowly, like a wave, the news spread that he had said 'no mas.' At the time, I had no idea why. A lot of writers, guys who had been covering title fights for a lot of years, just walked around the Superdome later that night in a daze. Given what had happened in Montreal, the last thing we expected was such a bad-tasting finish. The part I remember most was the next day. There was a press conference, and Ray Arcel still seemed dizzy. By quitting the night before, Duran had taken a lot of life out of the old man.

"In the eyes of his fans, if no one else, Duran redeemed himself with his efforts against Hagler and Davey Moore. Even though he has as much subtle skill as any fighter of his era, he'll always be remembered as a *fighter*, and a fighter who never walked away from a real *fight*."

Duran was able to score only when he pinned Leonard on the ropes. But even when he did, Leonard retaliated with lightning-quick combinations and then danced away. In ring center, Duran's punches were consistently short, and his bulling tactics looked increasingly amateurish.

The referee, Mexico's Octavio Meyran, broke the fighters from clinches much more quickly than Carlos Padilla had in Montreal. There would be no "Brawl in New Orl."

Barry Tompkins
ESPN boxing commentator:
"I think his spirit was crushed. He didn't know how to deal with Ray and everything Ray was doing. He was looking for a door to get out, he just wanted out . . . Over the years ['no mas'] has diminished. But it will always be there. It's boxing's version of Chappaquiddick."

Duran did have his moments. He scored well when he pinned Leonard to the ropes in the third and fifth rounds. But from the sixth round on, Leonard circled and consistently beat the champion to the punch. Had they been dancing—and many Duran fans claim that's what Leonard was doing—Duran would have been a beat behind the music.

In the seventh, Leonard stripped away Duran's cloak of invincibility.

On the rare occasions when Duran worked Leonard to the ropes, Sugar Ray punched first (above). In round seven, Leonard stopped fighting and started taunting Duran (below). The strategy had a profound effect.

"I've got to beat him with class," Leonard said on the eve of the fight. "In a rare way, a unique way. Make him look bad. Make him crazy."

After being outfought along the ropes, a visibly upset Duran beckoned the challenger to "come and fight."

Instead, Leonard, out of punching range, started to taunt Duran. He used an entire menu of indignities: wiggling his shoulders, sticking out his chin, shuffling like Ali, and finally, faking a bolo punch with his right, while landing a left to Duran's face. Columnist Dick Young wrote, "I gave this round to Leonard. I gave him the Oscar, too."

The crowd was amused. Duran was infuriated.

Leonard stayed in the center of the ring for most of the eighth round. With less than a minute remaining, Duran threw his last punch as the welterweight champion, but Leonard got off first, again. Ringside commentator Howard Cosell insightfully stated that Duran had been reduced to a charging bull. Following his last volley, Duran turned, waved his hand, and the rest . . .

Cramps? Boxing fans are well aware of Duran's brushes with duress. It's part of his legend. He was sick when he lost a 10-round non-title decision to Esteban DeJesus in November 1972. He was floored in the first round, but continued to fight. There was another first-round knockdown in their rematch in Panama City, but again Duran fought on, and he kayoed DeJesus in round 11.

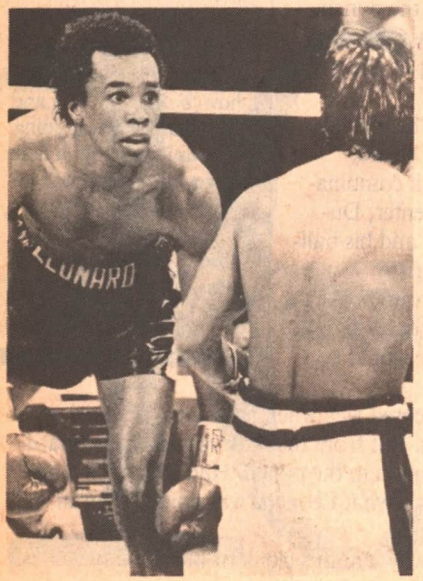
Angelo Dundee
Leonard's chief second:
"He tried every which way to get to Ray, and he couldn't. Ray was completely dominating him, he was undressing him. Ray would've knocked him out. Duran knew this, and said, 'You're the better man.' I thought it was a very noble thing. Duran didn't quit. A fighting legend doesn't quit . . . When you look at his career and all he's accomplished, it blows your mind. He's still able to do a lot in the ring. He's a genius."

One year later, sick again, Duran defended the title with a brutal 13th-round kayo of number-one contender Ray Lampkin. In 1976, Lou Bizzarro, a long-distance runner, did little more than run in circles, but Duran patiently stalked him and knocked him out in the 14th round. Moreover, DeJesus taunted him before and during their three fights. But DeJesus, Lampkin, and Bizzarro were all lightweights, and Duran was arguably the best 135-pound champion ever.

With the benefit of hindsight, and judging his performances over the last 10 years, it's easy to reach the conclusion that it really didn't matter that Duran hadn't trained correctly and wasn't 100 percent for the Leonard rematch. The man Duran faced in New Orleans was a better fighter than the one in Montreal.

"Ray went to school the first time," said Angelo Dundee, then Leonard's trainer. "Duran taught him too well."

The seventh-round belittling was reminiscent of Darth Vader's tete-a-tete with his mentor Obi-Wan Kenobe in the movie *Star Wars*. Before Vader killed Kenobe, he taunted him: "When I left you last, I was but the learner. Now I am the master . . . You should not have come back."



"Oh, Duran had cramps, but that's not why he quit," Henriquez concluded. "He just got frustrated that Leonard wouldn't stand and fight. His plan was to wear Leonard down, then knock him out in the late rounds. And I believe he would have."

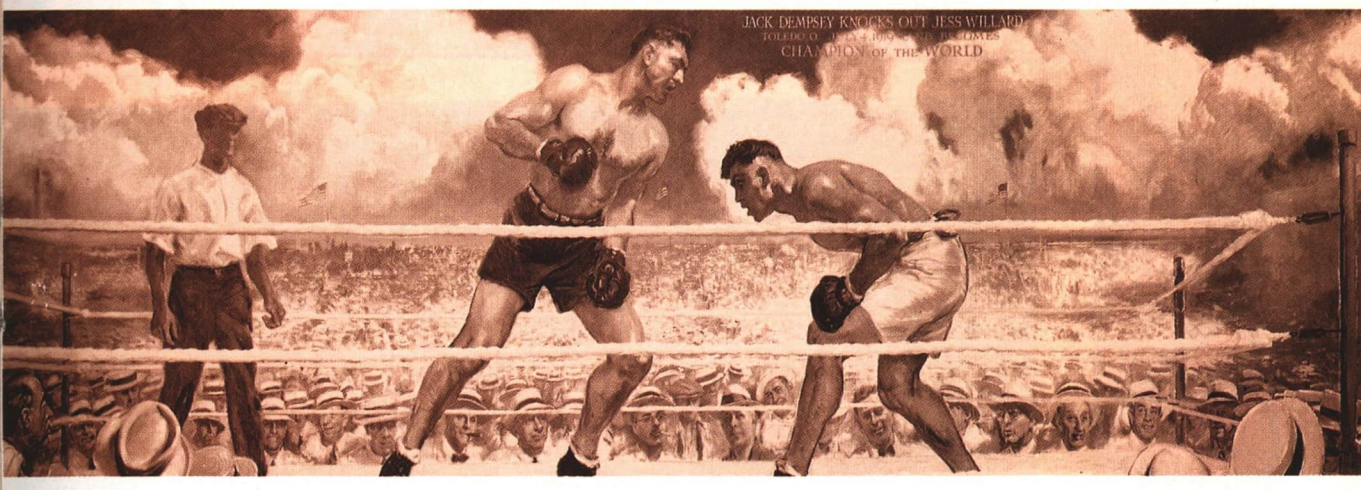
After Montreal, Duran never again was *Duran*. The legend permanently belonged to yesterday. Over the past 10 years, he is 13-7 (5), including the second Leonard fight. Hardly the record of a legend.

To his credit, he sought redemption the only way he could have, with his fists. In 1983, he won the WBA junior middleweight title with a dramatic eighth-round kayo of Davey Moore before a standing-room-only crowd at Madison Square Garden. And in 1989, at the age of 37, he decisioned WBC middleweight champion Iran Barkley in one of the best fights of the decade.

Luis DeCubas
Boxing promoter and Duran interpreter:
"He's accomplished so much in boxing. He shouldn't be judged by that one mistake. Look at what he's done since: He beat Cuevas, won two world titles, and he's not done."

But in defense of his welterweight title, the fighter of the '70s was outfought—and outsmarted—by the fighter of the '80s. However unceremoniously, the torch had been passed. The better man had won. ■

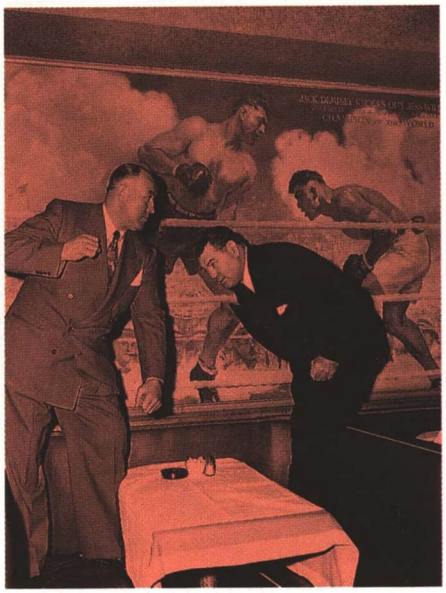
DEMPSEY'S MASTERPIECE



What was designed as a saloon decoration became the most popular boxing picture of all time

The great mural was visible from almost every table. Every man seated around the ring was a recognizable sports figure. It was common for people to argue who was who and then bet on their selections. Dempsey delighted in being asked to settle their disputes.

Adoring admirers lined up before the great former champion to get his autograph on the front cover of the menu, which was decorated with a full-color reproduction of the mural.



When former heavyweight champion Jack Sharkey dropped in to see old foe Dempsey, a photographer asked them to pose in front of the mural and mimick the painted images. Sharkey assumed the role of Willard, and Dempsey relished lowering himself into his famous crouch.

By Stanley Weston

When Jack Dempsey moved his New York restaurant from Eighth Avenue to Broadway in the early-'50s, the idolized former champion commissioned the great American artist James Montgomery Flagg to paint a huge mural of his title-winning fight with Jess Willard. The painting would occupy an entire wall of the new restaurant and be its focal point.

When Flagg's 55 x 24-foot work was unveiled, it received wide critical acclaim and quickly became a major attraction for Dempsey worshippers, art lovers, and the curious. Not only could one view a masterpiece, enjoy a juicy steak, and have the best cheesecake in town, but also shake Dempsey's hand and get his autograph across the color reproduction of the mural, which adorned the front page of the menu. It was a combination of delights no sports fan could resist.

When Dempsey was forced to close his beloved "joint" because the landlord refused to renew his lease (the landlord was rumored to be the Queen of England), Flagg's masterpiece was shipped off to the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.

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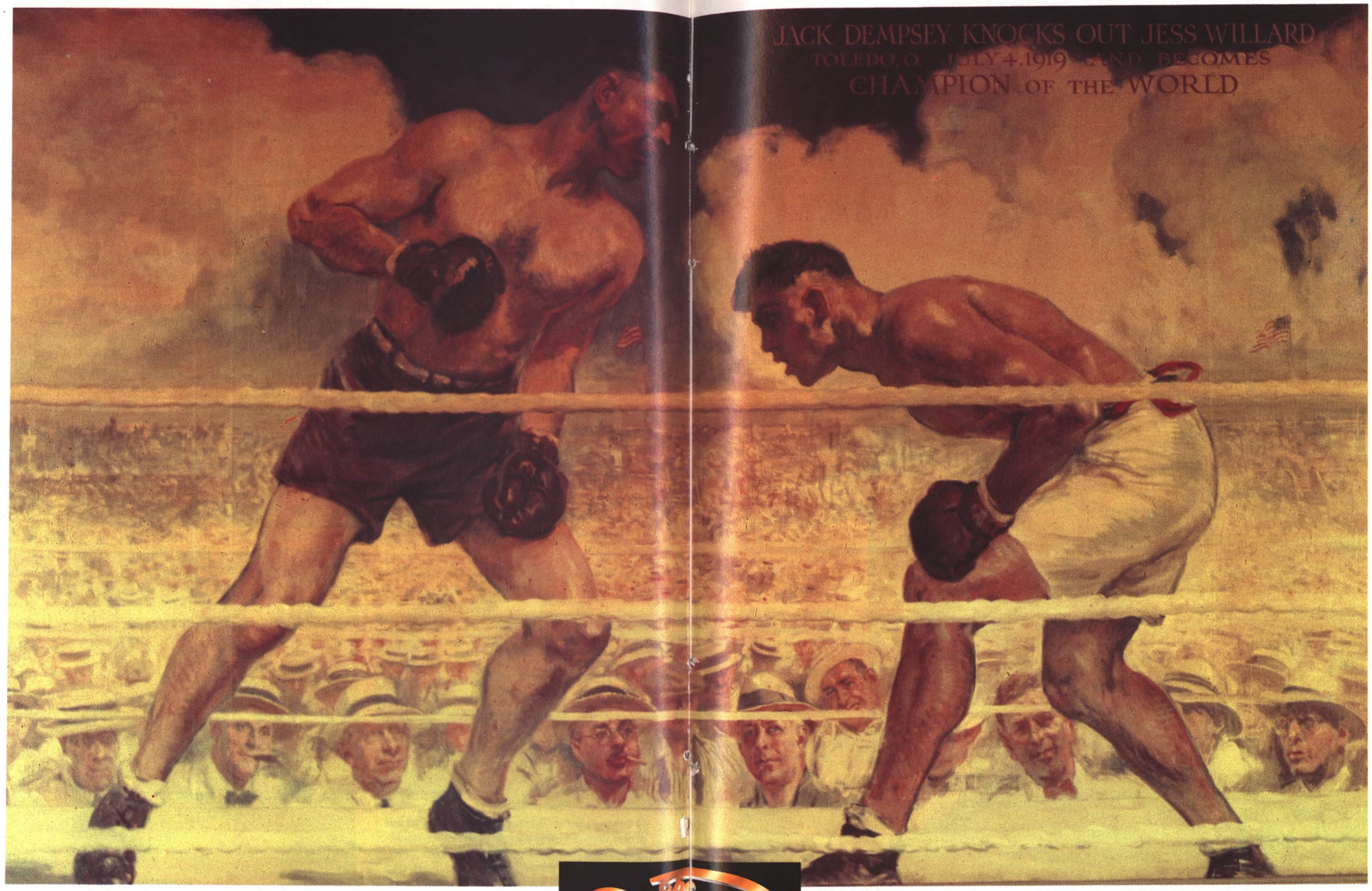


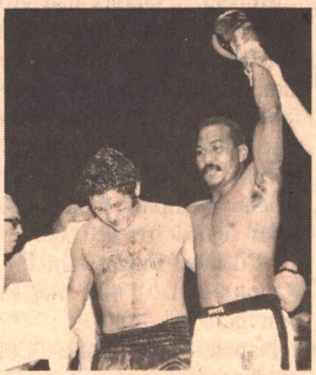
JACK DEMPSEY KNOCKS OUT JESS WILLARD

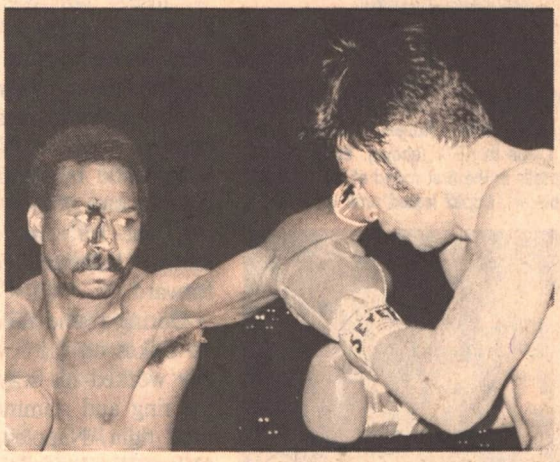
Toledo, Ohio, July 4, 1919, And Becomes Champion Of The World

The RING GALLERY

JOSE NAPOLES

REFLECTIONS OF A WELTERWEIGHT LEGEND





Top: Jean Josselin, who fell in five rounds, was no match for Napoles. Middle: In June 1971, "Mantequilla" overcame a nasty cut to stop Billy Backus in four rounds and regain the title. Bottom: Backus and Napoles recall the good old days.

By Joseph C. Tintle

As a fighter, Jose Napoles was known for fast and sure hands. At 50 years of age, those hands are as active as ever. But instead of knocking out opponents, he's knocking off plates of food. During his visit to the International Boxing Hall of Fame in Canastota, New York, Napoles made it clear that he didn't want to be grilled for more than 25 minutes. He said he wanted to eat—and he meant it.

His interpreter, Al Menendez, tried to conceal a smile. Menendez was spending more time translating menus than the fighter's remarks. When he and Napoles weren't dining at a nearby restaurant, Menendez was going on late-night food runs for the former welterweight champion.

"This guy packs it in," Menendez said after dropping off a heaping plate of chicken parts at Napoles' hotel room. "I just left it on a table for him. He'll wake up at 3 a.m., eat it, then go back to sleep."

Menendez rolled his eyes for effect, and added, "In a few hours, Jose'll be off to breakfast, then lunch, then dinner. Then it'll be time for me to come around with more chicken."

Napoles stands 5'7½" and weighs more than 200 pounds. His snug plaid tuxedo only accentuated his girth. In his day, though, he cut a sleek figure as he tore through the 147-pound division, capturing the world championship in April 1969, when he stopped Curtis Cokes.

"That was a great moment in my life," said Napoles, who held the crown for the better part of the next six years. "I had worked long and hard for the title, and I finally got it."

That Napoles rates alongside two other Cuban boxing greats, Kid Chocolate and Kid Gavilan, there is no doubt. But he would not have secured his status had he failed to make a difficult decision on July 15, 1961. That was when Napoles boarded a Cubano de Aviacion jet airliner en route from Havana to Mexico City.

For three years he had been fighting in his homeland, where he had compiled a record of 16-2. But when Fidel

Castro banned professional sports, Napoles knew his future lay elsewhere.

"Otherwise," he said, "all my knowledge of boxing would have been wasted."

As the story goes, the Castro regime granted Napoles a two-week pass to fight in Mexico. To ensure his return, however, he had to leave behind his wife, Caridad, who was expecting their first child. As Napoles' plane taxied down the runway, he looked longingly at the terminal building where Caridad stood. Then he squeezed his eyes shut and choked back tears. Family or no family, he decided at that moment that he would never return to Cuba. Boxing beckoned.

When asked if he and his wife and child ever reunited, Napoles grew anxious.

"I left and they stayed behind," was all he would say. "I'd rather not talk about that part of my life."

Napoles did say that he has since remarried. His wife's name is Ana Maria, and they have eight children. "Four boys, four girls, and one in the oven," he said.

Upon discussing his move to Mexico, the smile returned to Napoles' face.

"Going there was just like being in Cuba," he said. "The language was the same. A lot of my boxer friends who had already fled Cuba were there. Men like Sugar Ramos, the world featherweight champion, Chico Veliz, Manolo Mora, Baby Luis, and my manager, Carlos 'Cuco' Conde."

When Napoles arrived, promoters wanted him to fight immediately, but he told them no. He realized that he would be facing tougher competition than he had encountered in Cuba, and he had to improve his conditioning. So he spent a year hardening his body.

Napoles first fought in Mexico on July 21, 1962. Boxing as a featherweight, he kayoed Enrique Camarena. Then he knocked out Kid Anahuac and Bobby Cervantes.

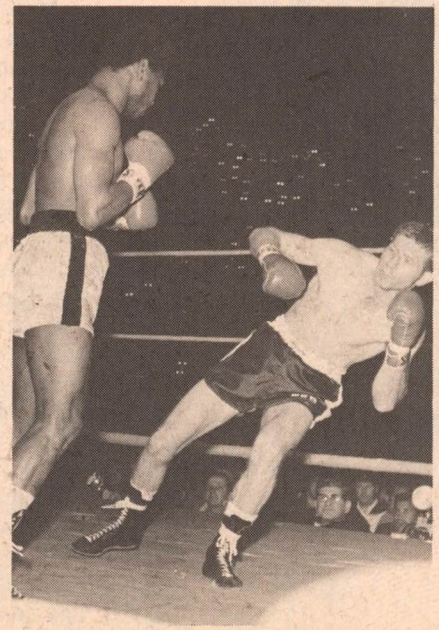
"In Cuba, I was known strictly as a boxer," said Napoles, who now lives in Mexico City. "But after all the training, I was suddenly knocking guys out."

It wasn't long before Mexicans everywhere fell in love with the Cuban refugee.

"They adopted him as one of their own," said Fernando Paramo, a veteran boxing writer for *La Opinion*, the largest-selling Spanish daily in America. "They enjoyed his fluid movements and his down-to-earth personality. And because he became a Mexican citizen shortly after he got there, the people thought very highly of him."

"My eyes were so puffed up that I couldn't see the hooks coming at me," Curtis Cokes said of his April 1969 title loss to Napoles (above). The Cuban took the crown with a 13th-round stoppage.

Napoles poses with Ruben Olivares and Hedgemon Lewis in 1971 (above). Ernie "Indian Red" Lopez falls in the first round of his 1970 title challenge (below). Lopez lasted until the 15th.



How popular was he? According to Paramo, when Napoles was stopped in the seventh round of his middleweight title fight with Carlos Monzon in 1974, a Monzon supporter commented rather acidly that Napoles was finished. A fan who didn't take kindly to the criticism drew a knife and stabbed the guy.

Napoles began to gain his immense popularity on June 22, 1964, when he TKO'd Carlos Hernandez in Caracas, Venezuela. Hernandez had been the most feared lightweight in the world.

"I expected to get a title shot after that," Napoles said, "but it never came."

So he waited and beat tough veterans like Alfredo Urbina, Adolph Pruitt, and L.C. Morgan, all by third-round knockouts.

By 1967, Napoles had grown into a welterweight and gained a national ranking. And no one wanted to fight him. It would be two more years before promoter George Parnassus secured him a title fight at the L.A. Forum by offering reigning welterweight champion Cokes $80,000. Napoles signed for $20,000.

"I'd have fought him for nothing," Napoles said. "I was *that* sure I could beat him."

Napoles was right: Cokes could hardly get off any punches in the fight.

"Jose's jab was in my face all night," he recalled. "After a while, my eyes were so puffed up that I couldn't see the hooks coming at me."

The highly partisan Mexican crowd cheered wildly as Napoles opened the fifth round by landing left hooks and right crosses. Cokes tried to fight him off, but with no effect. The determined challenger continued to press forward.

During round nine, Napoles pounded Cokes on the ropes. Cokes eventually worked his way to the middle of the ring and slammed Napoles with a hard right. Napoles didn't flinch, and Cokes didn't follow up because he could not see.

"I knew then I was going to lose," Cokes said. "The thing that made Jose so great, though, was that he really could pick his punches. If he wanted to hit you on the chin, believe me, he would. If he wanted to whack you in the eyes, he did. Nine out of 10 times his punches found their marks. He had a great jab, and a mean hook, and *some* uppercut."

Napoles won the next three rounds, and the fight was stopped in the 13th.

A contingent of supporters lifted the new champion on their shoulders and paraded him around the ring.

Napoles became an established champion, but he did lose the title for a six-month period after being TKO'd in December 1970 by Billy Backus. Napoles defended against Backus in the challenger's hometown of Syracuse, New York, and the referee stopped the fight in the fourth round after the champion sustained a cut eye.

Mexican writers claimed that the fight was stopped too soon, but Napoles makes no excuses.

"I got beat by Billy," he said, "and I accepted it."

In their return match at the The Forum, Napoles was backed by thousands of Mexicans, who chanted his nickname, "Mantequilla." (*Mantequilla* is Spanish for butter, a reference to Napoles' smooth style of fighting.) But Tony Graziano, Backus' manager, insisted he and his fighter would not be intimidated.

"I don't care if they got half the Mexican army in there," he said at the time. "We got that dago blood in us, and we don't give a hoot how tough he is. When that fight starts, those fans can't help him in the ring."

Backus started quickly, opening a deep cut over Napoles' right eye 30 seconds into the fight. Cornerman Angelo Dundee worked furiously to close the wound. Napoles charged out in the second and third, but Backus reopened the cut in each of those rounds. Dundee then closed it for good and told Napoles to dance and jab for the rest of the fight.

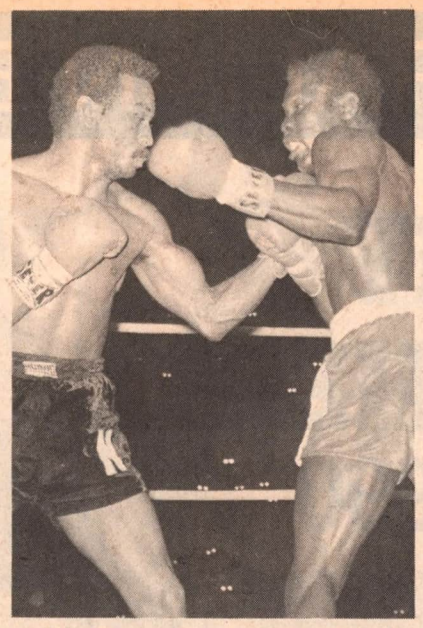
Tired and frustrated by the eighth round, and suffering from cuts around both eyes, Backus was felled by a left hook. Dazed and bloodied, he rose and charged after Napoles, only to get knocked down again. Referee Dick Young motioned to the ringside doctor to check Backus, and the fight was stopped.

"All I could think of at the moment," Napoles said, "was that the title was *mine* again."

Over the course of his two reigns, Napoles made 13 successful defenses, including a 15-round decision over Emile Griffith in October 1969.

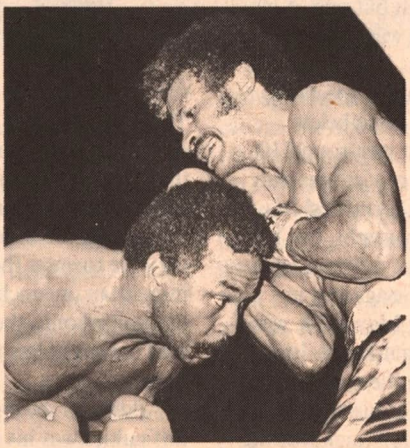
"Right after the fight," Griffith, a five-time world champion, recalled, "I told a reporter that Jose would keep the title for a long time. And I was right."

But as the years wore on, the scar tissue above Napoles' eyes wore out. His last defense came in December 1975 against England's John Stracey, who cut up Napoles and stopped him in six rounds.



Napoles outpointed all-time great Emile Griffith in an October 1969 title fight (above). "Right after the fight," Griffith said, "I told a reporter that Jose would keep the title for a long time."

Napoles poses with son Angel in December 1971 (above). Among Napoles' more respected challengers was Canada's Clyde Gray, who lasted the distance in a September 1973 title bout (below).



Napoles retired after the loss, and subsequently became one of the few champions to *permanently* retire. He compiled a record of 76-8 (54) and earned the respect of millions throughout Mexico, if not the world.

As to Napoles' place among the all-time welterweight greats, boxing historian Hank Kaplan regards him as certainly worthy of Hall of Fame induction.

"He would've given Sugar Ray Leonard trouble," Kaplan said. "But Tommy Hearns would've presented him with a problem, given that long broomstick jab of his. But as good as Jose was, I do think he looked better in the eyes of many writers back then because there weren't many great welterweights at the time."

Today, Napoles plays and sings in a salsa band.

"We do music for all occasions," he said. "We do what you call Sweet Sixteen parties, as well as weddings and divorces."

When asked what he sings for a divorce, he cited an old Mexican standby, "I Used To Love You A Lot, But Now You Gotta Go."

Although Napoles claims he plays frequent gigs, rumors persist that financially, at least, he hasn't fared well over the years. According to Paramo, Napoles was known to bet heavily on the horses.

"He'd often be at the track losing everything," Paramo said. "In fact, he needed people to pay for his trip to the Hall of Fame. Even his tuxedo was paid for. For the most part, he lives on gifts, assistance, and occasional band performances. So he won't starve to death."

The only reference Napoles made regarding his financial situation was a remark about what happens to his money after he plays a band date.

"When I get home," he said, "my wife says to me, 'How much money did you make?' Then she checks my pockets. Then my shoes. But now I've found a new hiding place for my money—my underwear."

Napoles is still well-regarded by the Mexican people, who love him as their own. He gave them what they wanted: plenty of action and quarts of blood.

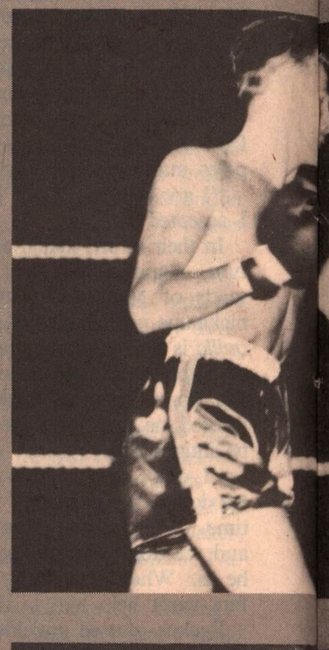
"Even the times I fought mediocre," Napoles said, "I always gave them my best."

And that managed to satisfy their appetites, even if Napoles still can't satisfy his. ■

AUSTRALIAN BANTAM KING

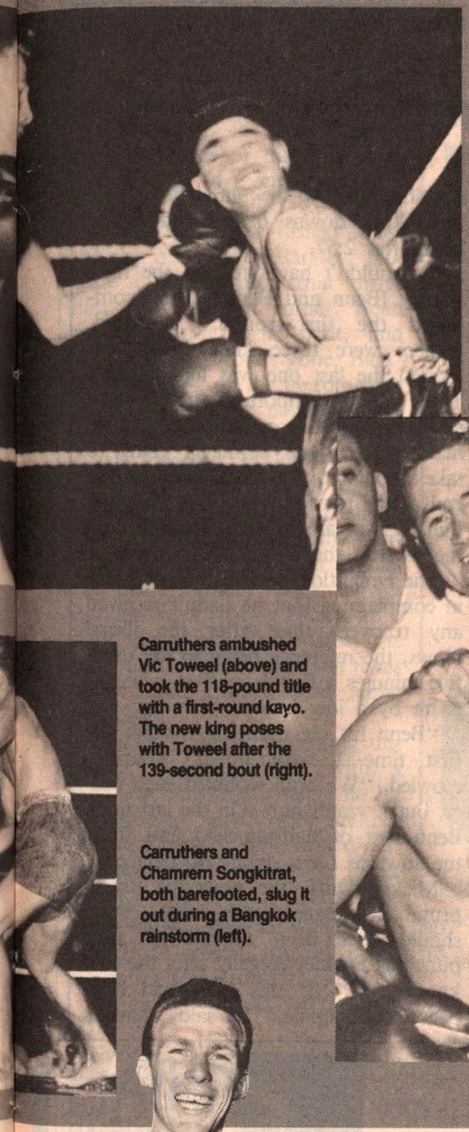
JIMMY CARRUTHERS 1929-1990

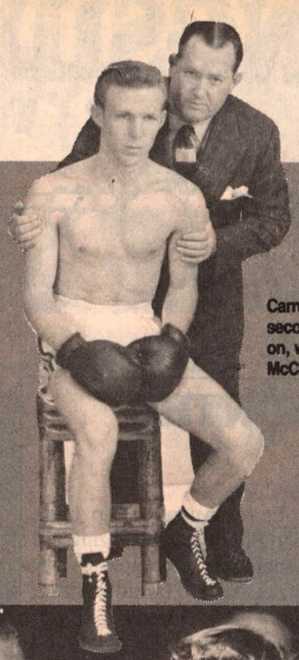
By Ray Mitchell & Steve Farhood



Carruthers ambushed Vic Toweel (above) and took the 118-pound title with a first-round kayo. The new king poses with Toweel after the 139-second bout (right).

Carruthers and Chamrern Songkitrat, both barefooted, slug it out during a Bangkok rainstorm (left).





Carruthers, Australia's second world champion, was guided by Bill McConnell.

Former bantamweight champion Jimmy Carruthers, who died of lung cancer in the Sydney suburb of Narrabeen on August 15, wasn't the first Australian world champion—Young Griffo secured that distinction when he captured the featherweight title 100 years ago. Carruthers didn't compile the best record—he was unbeaten (19-0) upon retirement in 1954, but a comeback that began in 1961 left him with a final mark of 21-4. Nor will he be remembered as the greatest—triple-crown champion Jeff Fenech's accomplishments are unparalleled.

But Carruthers, a southpaw who fought only twice at home as a champion, leaves a legacy not only in his native Australia, but in all of boxing.

There are two title fights that not only serve as the greatest chapters in "Shoulders" Carruthers' storybook career, but also underline the character and determination that made him a special champion. In the early-'50s, the world's 118-pound king was South Africa's Vic Toweel, an undefeated and highly skilled warrior who had dethroned the legendary Manuel Ortiz. In November 1952, Carruthers, 14-0, but having never fought outside of his native land, traveled to Johannesburg to challenge Toweel. The bout, which was postponed twice, was thought to be a gross mismatch; even the Australian press gave the challenger no chance for victory. Carruthers, however, was confident, partly because he had spied his foe while they were representing their respective countries at the 1948 Olympics in London. (Toweel lost in the first round; Carruthers won twice, but had to withdraw after suffering an eye cut in training.)

Aware of Toweel's growing difficulty in making 118 pounds, Bill McConnell, Carruthers' trainer, told his fighter, "He'll be as weak as water. He's a slow starter, so just go right out from the opening gong and nail him."

The fight lasted 139 seconds, with Carruthers firing more than 100 punches and Toweel accorded the time to respond with but one of his own. There was a rematch four months later. It wasn't quite as brutal a spectacle, but Toweel nonetheless couldn't last past round 10.

The pair of victories may have been Carruthers' most satisfying triumphs, but his third and last defense, against Chamrern Songkitrat in Bangkok in May 1954, was his most remarkable. In fact, it rates with the most unusual title clashes in history.

Carruthers-Songkitrat was the first world title clash in Thailand. It rained on the day of the fight, but more than 50,000 fans still came to the Outdoor National Auditorium. By the time the fighters were to enter the ring, more than one inch of rain had spilled onto the uncovered canvas in less than an hour.

Adding to the champion's difficulties was his health. *The Ring* publisher Nat Fleischer, who attended the bout, visited Carruthers in his dressing room and later reported that the Australian "was violently ill." Thai food had not agreed with Carruthers, and his stomach had been empty for the three days prior to the fight. Fleischer suggested that Carruthers postpone the fight. "Let's get it over," was the champion's response.

Because of the slippery conditions, Carruthers and Songkitrat fought in their bare feet. This was a greater handicap for the champion, who always depended on his speed and movement. (Songkitrat was a walk-in slugger.) Twice the bout was delayed—in rounds three and nine—when exposed electric bulbs over the ring exploded and splattered glass on the canvas. At one point, Carruthers hopped around the ring while attempting to remove a piece of glass from his foot. Carruthers also had to overcome cuts over his right eye and inside his mouth. But after the 12th and final round, referee William Henneberry, the sole judge, raised the hand of the champion, a winner by a score of 32½-27½.

After his extraordinary win, Carruthers seemed on top of the boxing game. He was an established champion, and his purses had grown considerably. But two weeks after his victory in Thailand, he announced his retirement.

"I shall never don gloves again," he said. "This is not an overnight decision. I came into the fight game to make money, and to me it has been purely business. In my own heart I know I am doing the right thing, as I am only 24 years old."

Had Carruthers kept his word, he would have become the first champion in history to retire without a loss. (The unbeaten Rocky Marciano would retire—and *stay* retired—two years later.) But like so many titlists before him, he was drawn back into the ring. Carruthers' comeback, which began at age 32, and after an absence of seven years and four months, was an artistic disaster. Fighting as a flat-footed lightweight, he lost his first three bouts, and, in all, won only two of six.

The Australian retired for good in 1962 and opened a fruit juice and health bar in Sydney. He remained a popular and appreciated hero until his death.

There was a huge turnout at St. Stephens Church in Sydney for Carruthers' funeral service. Vic Toweel was there. Ray Connelly, the famed Australian ring announcer, gave a eulogy. And several fighters, including former middleweight title challenger Tony Mundine, served as pall bearers. It was the only time Jimmy Carruthers was ever carried from the ring. ■

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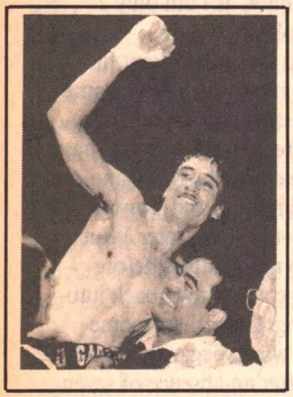
RINGSIDE REPORTS

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH: Loreto Garza

In taking Juan Coggi's WBA junior welterweight title on August 17 in Nice, France, the 28-year-old Garza was hardly spectacular. But by emphasizing his skills and boxing with purpose and intelligence, he managed to accomplish what the more celebrated Patrizio Oliva, Harold Brazier, and Jose Luis Ramirez had been unable to do: defeat the Argentine southpaw in a title fight.



Coggi, 43-2-2 (26), wasn't particularly busy during this, his fifth defense, perhaps because his advances were met by sharp jabs and his leads were countered by straight rights. By the late stages, the champion was content to paw with his jab and give Garza, who took the bout on two weeks notice as a substitute for Japan's Akinobu Hiranaka, few openings.

The scoring, 115-115, and 116-115 and 116-114 for Garza, seemed unfair to the challenger, who was in control from the start.

"I've always known that I could beat Coggi," said Garza, 27-1-1 (23), who will likely make his first defense in his hometown of Sacramento, California, against Vinny Pazienza. "The hardest thing about it was getting him in the ring."

NIGEL BENN-IRAN BARKLEY

LAS VEGAS—Barkley grew up on the mean streets of New York's South Bronx, in a ghetto environment where bloody gang fights were part of a truant's curriculum. But the 30-year-old former middleweight champion had never been mugged the way he was mugged for three minutes by England's Benn at Bally's Casino Resort.

Nobody—not 2,239 paid admissions at Bally's or millions more watching ABC's telecast—will ever perceive the 26-year-old English import as Gentle Benn. Not the way he fractured the Marquis of Queensbury rules. Benn clubbed Barkley to the mat three times in the first round with booming right hands, and drew the scorn of most witnesses when he twice smacked his foe in the head as he tried to regain his feet.

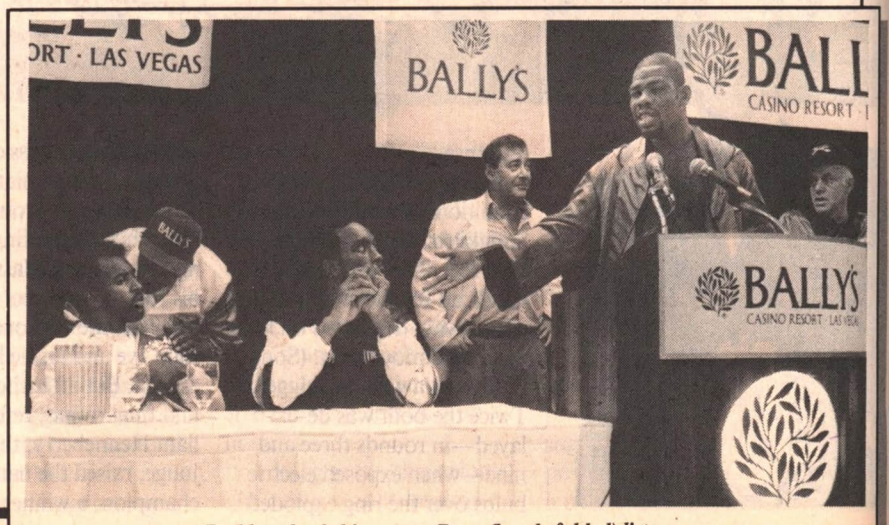
Referee Carlos Padilla made no visible gesture to either disqualify Benn or, at the least, show he was going to penalize him for such flagrant violations. And Padilla had to look to the Nevada State Athletic Commission's ringside table to be sure there were three knockdowns before ending the bout after 2:57.

"I wouldn't have stopped the fight if they [Benn and Barkley] had completed the first round," he said. "There were three knockdowns, although the last one was like a flash. This was an important fight, so I checked with the commission just to make sure. I was definitely going to take a point away from Benn at the end of the round. When I stopped the fight, it was all my idea. Nobody told me to stop the fight."

The embattled Barkley was accurate in complaining that he hadn't received any recovery time after the illegal blows, the reference being to the usual five minutes a fighter receives when he is hit by a low blow.

"Benn hit me right off the bat the first time I went down," Barkley scowled. "We both wobbled each other, but I wasn't hurt. On the last time, Benn sort of half-punched and flung me down as I was sliding off-balance."

Mickey Duff, the powerful British promoter-manager, felt that Benn should have been disqualified after punching Barkley illegally after the first knockdown. "If this fight had happened back home," he said, "there's



Barkley pleads his case as Benn (hands folded) listens

no question Benn would have been disqualified after the first knockdown. We have strict laws against this sort of thing in the U.K."

John Reetz, Barkley's manager, was so vehement in his postfight protests, he may have killed any possibility of Benn giving his fighter a rematch.

Barkley is a noted slow starter, and Benn's camp delivered the perfect strategy for what must be considered one of the great one-round bouts in recent memory.

Benn, 159½, coiled like a cobra for the opening bell, rushed across the ring and rocked Barkley, 160, with a searing right that drove him into his own corner. Benn followed with a left-right, and with only 15 seconds gone, Barkley was sitting on the bottom rope strand as Benn continued to punch away. Two more rights and a left knocked Barkley through the ropes, and as Padilla moved in, Benn missed two more shots.

In an instant, Benn threw another right that went over Padilla and sent Barkley back down. Barkley came roaring back with a right that drove Benn across the ring and into the ropes. The rivals then traded combinations along the ropes.

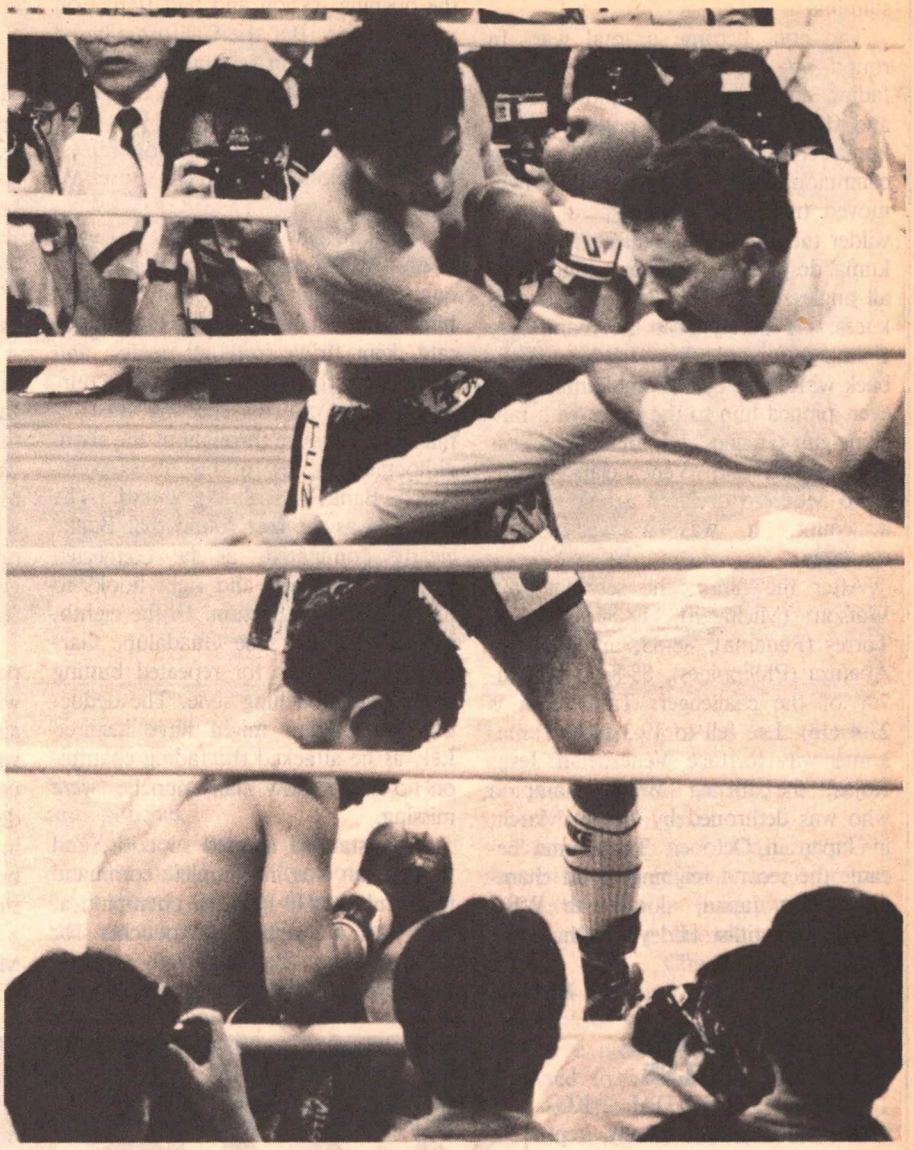
Suddenly, Benn, appearing unsteady, caught Barkley with a right-left. An instant later, he hit the downed fighter with another shot to the head. As it turned out, Barkley would have been better off if he stayed down from the illegal blows. Then he would have had strength to protest. Instead, he put his gloves up for Padilla to wipe off.

Benn, who earned $500,000, is 27-1 (25).

Barkley, making his first start in a year after recovering from a detached retina in his left eye, made $200,000. He is 25-7 (16).

When asked about Benn's next assignment, manager Ambrose Mendy sang out, "Make my day, Sugar Ray. That's what's next for Nigel."
(8-18-90)

Jack Welsh



The time has come for Tamakuma to reign

LEOPARD TAMAKUMA-YUL WOO LEE

MITO, JAPAN—Tall lefty challenger Tamakuma, 112, withstood the opening attacks of defending champion Lee, 111¾, and floored him twice en route to a TKO victory at 2:21 of the 10th round to win the WBA flyweight crown. The 26-year-old Tamakuma was an underdog vs. the highly favored Lee, 23, who had won the title in March. Standing 5'8", Tamakuma was four inches taller than the Korean champion. But in the first three rounds, Lee had the upper hand.

Lee, a baby-faced warrior, swarmed over the nervous challenger in the opening round, battering the side of his belly. The Japanese covered himself up. In round two, Lee kept using body shots in order to weaken his rival, but Tamakuma retaliated with short blows in combination. The Korean maintained the initiative in the third, with Tamakuma content to block the heavy shots with his gloves and elbows. The strategy began to be fruitful in the fourth, when Tamakuma fought back with light but fast combinations at close quarters.

The fifth saw Lee aim at the belly of Tamakuma, who in turn landed accurate blows to the face of the Korean. The sixth round was all Tamakuma. He connected with short lefts and southpaw hooks against a stationary target, with Lee seemingly out of gas. Tamakuma wasn't a hard hitter, but his combination-punching had produced 12 victims in his previous 26 victories. He dominated the seventh with a flurry, and Lee came forward and absorbed Tamakuma's southpaw combos. The game champion attempted to take back the pace with his determined attacks in the eighth, but his rallies only further deprived him of his

stamina.

The bout became a total war. In round nine, Tamakuma battered the fading champion with rapid-fire lefts and rights. With more power, Tamakuma could have finished him. The champion hung his hands down, moved trickily, and attempted to bewilder the aggressive challenger. Tamakuma desperately kept punching from all angles, and Lee succumbed on his knees. He barely beat the mandatory eight-count, and then tried to fight back with big blows. Tamakuma, however, pinned him to the ropes with machine-gun punches. Lee finally fell near his corner, and Venezuelan referee Enzo Montero declared a halt without a count. It was a well-received stoppage.

After the ninth, the scoring: Bob Watson (Michigan), 88-83, Marcos Torres (Panama), 88-85, and Silvestre Abainza (Philippines), 88-84, all in favor of the challenger. Tamakuma is 27-4 (13). Lee fell to 19-3 (10). Tamakuma was to face Venezuelan Jesus Rojas, the former WBA champion who was dethroned by Lee in March, in Japan in October. Tamakuma became the second reigning world champion from Japan, along with WBC strawweight titlist Hideyuki Ohashi. (7-29-90)

Joe Koizumi

PAUL BANKE-KI JUN LEE

INCHON, SOUTH KOREA—Banke, 122, barely kept the WBC super bantamweight title as he retaliated with desperate punches vs. game and aggressive Korean challenger Lee, 121¾, 14-1-1 (10). Banke dropped Lee once in the 11th round and floored him twice more in the 12th and final session en route to a come-from-behind TKO at 1:55 of the round. It was lefty Banke's first defense.

Incredible heat inside Inchon Civil Gymnasium might have deprived Banke of his vaunted energy and fighting spirit; he looked sluggish from the outset. Lee was a hard puncher who had iced Panamanian Azael Moran and decisioned then-world-rated Orlando Fernandez. But the 25-year-old Korean depends on his aggressiveness to cover his lack of finesse. Lee, a boyish-looking Korean, started the fireworks in the opening session and had Banke on the defensive. But the California-based Mexican-American countered with a few accurate lefts and rights and took the round. In round two, Lee kept coming forward with non-stop rallies. The champion was forced to retreat and cover.

The third saw Banke more effective in swapping short punches at close quarters, though Lee threw many more blows. Lee, maintaining his high punch rate, kept firing from all angles, and dominated the fifth session. Encouraged by the crowd's cheering, Lee remained aggressive throughout the sixth, although very few of his blows penetrated Banke's shell-like guard. The seventh was the first round that Banke clearly dominated, as he connected with accurate lefts and right hooks to the face and midsection. In the eighth, Mexican referee Jose Guadalupe Garcia penalized Lee for repeated butting due to his crouching style. The deduction of a point might have inspired Lee, as he attacked the fading champion no matter how many punches were missing.

Lee's stamina seemed superior, and the Korean was in complete command in the ninth. He held the champion at bay with a fusillade of punches for three minutes. Banke's badly swollen right eye looked like a black egg. Lee also took the 10th, and he led on two cards.

Banke's turn amazingly came in the 11th. Lee attacked for two minutes and 30 seconds. On the verge of defeat, Banke countered with light but accurate lefts and rights, and Lee's knees suddenly buckled. Banke swarmed over the courageous Korean. He followed up and sent Lee sprawling to the deck. After Lee managed to beat the count, the bell sounded.

It became a one-round fight. Surprisingly, Lee displayed his tremendous gameness and attempted to punch out the exhausted champion. But his legs weren't enough to support him. Banke used all his power and battered the wide-open Korean with short lefts and rights. Lee hit the deck, but he courageously pulled himself up and resumed fighting.

Time was limited, and Banke desperately battered the groggy challenger with a flurry. Lee, whose left eye was also closed, sank face-first on the canvas. He stood up, but was obviously unable to fight on. The referee wisely declared a halt. Banke approached Lee in order to raise his opponent's hand, but the loser was too exhausted on the stool to stand up.

After the 11th, the scoring: Herbert Minn (Hawaii), 103-103, Dave Brown (Canada), 105-104 for Lee, and Gus

Banke survived a battering against Lee

Mercurio (Australia), 105-103 for Banke. Banke, 20-4 (11), will next respond to the challenge of former champion Daniel Zaragoza at the Forum.

Promoter: Camel Promotions of Korea
(8-18-90)

Joe Koizumi

MAURICE BLOCKER-MARLON STARLING

RENO, NEVADA—High drama in a fight that was supposed to be a snoozer: Entering the 12th and final round at Bally's, challenger Blocker, 146, Germantown, Maryland, 32-1 (18), led by a single, precious point on all three cards. Defending WBC welterweight champion Starling, 146, South Windsor, Connecticut, 45-7-1 (27), needed only to win the round to earn a draw and retain the title. But Blocker, backpedaling and scoring with soft punches, took the 12th on two cards and took the title via majority decision.

A few days later, Starling, now 32, announced his retirement.

Starling and Blocker are both counterpunchers and thoughtful defensive fighters who, when presented with a certain type of opposition, can bore the fans to sleep. There was never the threat of a knockout in this fast-paced battle, but the welterweights tore into each other, with the shorter and more selective champion stalking, and the challenger jabbing and managing an impressive punch rate.

Starling was favored because Blocker had fought no one of note since his first title try, a decision loss to Lloyd Honeyghan in April 1987. In the second round, however, "The Thin Man" reestablished his credentials by landing a left uppercut that sent Starling's gumshield flying. That was Blocker's lone highlight in the first half of the bout, during which Starling maintained an edge by scoring with chopping rights.

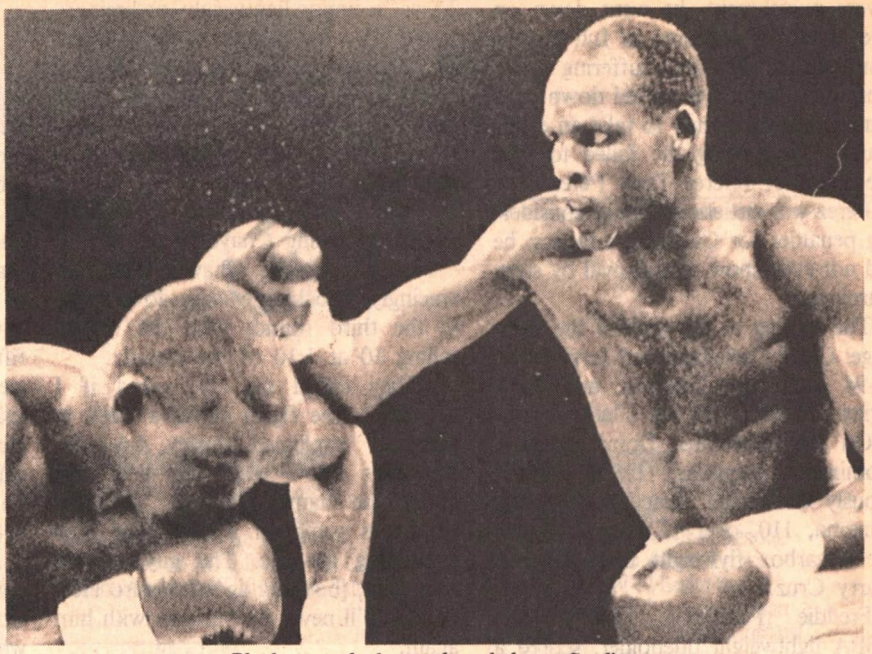
The champion tired down the stretch, and two judges gave Blocker all of the last five rounds. Starling suffered a cut at the corner of his left eyebrow in the seventh, and would bleed until the final bell.

Blocker dominated the eighth, a round in which Starling stopped punching and introduced his familiar peekaboo defense. In the ninth, referee Mills Lane asked the ringside physician to examine the cut. The fight resumed, and Blocker, almost as fatigued as Starling, continued to score points with arm punches.

"You need the last three rounds to win the fight," Freddy Roach, Starling's trainer, told the champion. "You stay on the son of a bitch, you hear me?"

But Starling's forward progress came with few punches, and Blocker's busier style made the difference. Miguel Donate and Lynn Carter both scored 115-113 for Blocker, while Chuck Giampa gave Starling round 12 and scored 114-114. *The Ring* had Starling ahead, 115-113.

"I still think I am the best," said Starling. "But it's tough to say you're the best when you've just been beaten."
(8-19-90)



Blocker punched enough to dethrone Starling

SOT CHITALADA-RICHARD CLARKE

KINGSTON, JAMAICA—Chitalada, Thailand, retained the WBC flyweight title when he stopped "Shrimpy" Clarke, Jamaica, the number-one challenger. Fighting at the National arena, the champion, 21-2-1 (13), scored a kayo at 44 seconds of round 11. Clarke is 22-2 (7).

The end was sudden and dramatic and a complete turnaround, as the champion overcame a gallant challenger and partisan crowd of more than 5,000.

Prefight rumors that Chitalada was having weight problems were dispelled when he made the 112-pound limit on his first go. Clarke weighed 110½, his lowest in recent years.

From the very start, Clarke gave his supporters a lot to cheer about; he had the better of the champion the first two rounds by outboxing and outjabbing him. Chitalada, however, made his intentions clear by managing a few blows to the midsection.

After a promising start, Clarke was subjected to a concentrated body attack, as Chitalada was unable to land his wild swings to the head. Surviving four rounds of fouls, with low blows to the midsection and hips, to the kidneys and back and sides, and being thrown about and generally mauled, Clarke was still dancing and jabbing with an occasional right to the head. By round eight, he was seemingly clearly ahead.

This was apparently realized by Chitalada and his corner, the champion deciding an all-out attack was necessary to save his crown. Clarke's success was mainly through jabs, which had earned points and rounds, but he had never really hurt his opponent, and Chitalada, without fear, launched a relentless body attack. Clarke had no answer, due to a bad habit of covering his head and leaving himself open to body blows and uppercuts.

The mauling took its toll and Chitalada's escalation made the challenger a stationary target. Clarke was no longer moving and boxing, and after taking

severe punishment, he went down on one knee. He appeared in full possession of his faculties, suffering more from exhaustion. He stayed down on a signal from his corner to take an eight-count. Upon rising, he failed to beat the count of referee Tony Perez.

Perez was criticized for not considering penalties for Chitalada's tactics; he did not even show disapproval by stern warnings.

The scoring at the time of the stoppage: Carol Castellano and Jerry Roth, 96-94 each for Chitalada, and Jesus Arias Torres, 97-95 for Clarke.

On the undercard, Domingo Sosa, Dominican Republic, 110½, unanimously decisioned Benedicto Murillo, Panama, 110, over 12 rounds to win the Fecarbox flyweight title. Referee: Harry Cruz.

Freddie Pendleton, 140¾, the USBA lightweight titleholder, scored a sixth-round TKO over Luis Portacarrera, 138, in a 10-rounder.

Promoter: Prestige Enterprise

Referees: Emilio Sanchez, Winston Sutherland

Judges: Vivian Cohen, Vincent Fenton, Alva Anderson

(9-7-90)

Gillie Campbell

JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ-RUSSELL MOSLEY

CULIACAN, MEXICO—When the best boxer in the world gets involved in a match with a ringer, you know the sport is a mess.

What was supposed to be an easy non-title welterweight match for Chavez, 71-0 (58), became marred, as the opponent wasn't who officials said he was. If you asked five writers on press row for an identification, you got five different names—Maples, Mofley, Mables, Mobley, or Mosley. Chavez' foe was announced in the ring as Russell Victor Maples of Gary, Indiana.

Well, Victor *Mobley* is from Gary, and his 12-4 (2) record almost fits the 14-2 (10) or 12-2 records given to the media for Maples. And Mobley did tentatively agree in principle to the bout. "But he never signed," said his booker/manager, Jack Cowan. "He wound up getting in a streetfight and couldn't go." As it turned out, Mobley fought in Helsinki, Finland, on August 20.

So who was that unmasked man squaring off with Chavez? Would you believe Russell Mosley of McKinney, Texas, a junior lightweight preliminary fighter? To make matters worse, Mosley had been inactive from October 27, 1989, until August 3, when he was knocked out in one round in Fort Worth by Arthur Trevino. Then, despite being under a 30-day suspension by the Texas commission, Mosley would up facing Chavez.

Not surprisingly, Chavez won convincingly, knocking Mosley down twice in the third round, with the referee tolling 10 at 1:10 of the round.

"They called me up, asked if I wanted it [the fight] about a week in advance," explained Mosley, 4-4-1 (0). "I don't know what the deal was about the names. Nobody told me what was going on. I had some guys translating for me. The guy I went over with, [booking agent] Mauro Hernandez, I'll never do business with him again.

"Russell V. Maples? Who is that? I wasn't posing as a guy who was supposed to be there. They just said I was him. I couldn't do anything about what they were claiming."

Chavez took it easy through the first two rounds in his hometown's La Sinalonese bullring. He threw very few punches, and when he did fire, was often wild. Mosley showed a decent left jab, some rights to the head, and a couple of combinations, and won both rounds on *The Ring's* card.

The third saw Chavez begin to attack his foe's body, and he was warned to keep the blows up. A right to the body hurt Mosley, and a right to the jaw, left to the body, left to the head combination dropped him. Mosley was up at six, took the full eight-count, and then surprised the champion with a right to the head, which moved him backward.

Then Chavez decided to end it. A right to the head, left to the body combination laid Mosley flat on his back; he sat up at seven, but could go no further.

"It was right on, that last one hurt," Mosley said. "His other punches were really like nothing much."

Chavez said that he had worried that he might get cut and have to postpone a scheduled defense against Kyung Duk Ahn. (That bout was later postponed anyway.)

At least when Chavez gets back to defending the title, everyone will know who he's fighting. We hope.

(8-18-90)

Bruce Williams

HUMBERTO GONZALEZ-JORGE RIVERA

CANCUN, MEXICO—"La Chiquita" Gonzalez' ninth-round knockout of fellow Mexican Rivera was either A) simply an off-night; B) a good job of following his manager's advice to get some work and give future opponents courage; or C) an example that burnout can affect even the best of fighters.

Gonzalez, 29-0 (23), was making his fifth defense of the WBC light flyweight title, and his third defense in less than three months. The 24-year-old champion figured to have little trouble with Rivera, 12-12-1, whom he had knocked out in four rounds in late-1988.

A large crowd showed up at Cancun's bullring for the city's first-ever world title fight. It looked like they wouldn't get to see much of Gonzalez; seconds before the end of the first round, the champion connected with a right-left to the head that dropped number-eight contender Rivera through the ropes. Rivera got up, though, and the bell saved him from further punishment.

Gonzalez rarely threw a jab, and his killer uppercut was absent despite his corner's pleas. It was revealed later that he had broken his left hand. Rivera, meanwhile, was constantly being warned by referee Jose Medina for losing his mouthpiece, and by the fifth round his left eye was badly swollen.

The monotony finally ended in the ninth. Gonzalez, in his southpaw stance, began by attacking Rivera's body. Then came a right to the chin and a right-left to the body, and Rivera was on his knees. He was still on one knee when Medina reached 10.

Gonzalez received $30,000 for this defense, from which he emerged with the broken hand, a swollen right eyebrow, and a cut in his mouth.

"I said I would win, but not in what round," he explained. "I don't like to predict the outcome of my fights, because you saw what happened to [Mike] Tyson. [Rivera] was taking a lot; he's very brave."

In the semifinal, former Mexican 108-pound champion Javier "Candelita" Varquez continued his drive for either a national or world title shot. Varquez, 27-6-1, connected with a big right to the head to flatten Hector Lopez at 1:10 of the second round.

(8-25-90)

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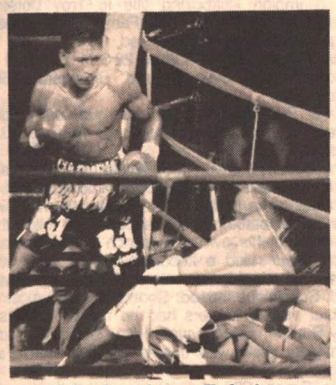
WORLDWIDE RESULTS



Mendoza kayos Palacios

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Orlin Norris KO 10 Danny Wofford
Henry Tillman W 10 Danny Blake
Elijah Tillery W 10 William Morris
Rodolfo Marin KO 1 Mike Simuwelu
Marcelo Figueroa KO 3 Oscar Rivadeneyra
Craig Peterson W 10 Rocky Salanoa
Lee Roy Murphy W 10 Terry Armstrong

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Jose Flores Burlon KO 6 Jorge Manquez
Johnny Nelson W 8 Andre Smith
Phil Jackson KO 8 Bobby Collins
Richard Mason W 10 Dean Moore
Lotte Mwale KO 8 Joseph Poto
Tarmo Uusivirta KO 1 William Clayton

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Prince Charles Williams KO 3 Bert Gravley
(Non-Title Bout)
Michael Moorer KO 3 Jim MacDonald
Graciano Rocchigiani KO 1 Rodrigo Benech
Rodrigo Benech KO 1 Perfecto Bobadilla
Isaias Lucero KO 10 Martin Lopez
Martin Amarillas W 10 Nate Houser
Freddie Delgado KO 1 Victor Claudio
Danny Stonewalker W 12 Dave Fiddler

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS
John Jarvis W 12 Sugar Boy Malinga
Troy Darrell KO 4 Tyrone Rackley

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Tony Thornton KO 2 Karama Leota
Chris Eubank KO 8 Kid Milo
James Toney KO 2 Kevin Brazier
Wilfred Benitez W 10 Sam Wilson
Dan Sherry KO 3 Darrell Flint

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Jorge Castro W 10 Julio Gonzalez
Gilbert Dele KO 1 David Wyatt
Carl Daniels W 10 Jake Torrence
Lorenzo Garcia KO 5 Juan Carlos Canete
Ramon Abeldano W 10 Marcelo Sanchez

WELTERWEIGHTS
Aaron Davis KO 9 Billy Durbin
(Non-Title Bout)
Glenwood Brown KO 3 C.J. Duffy
Lonnie Smith KO 10 Henry Anaya
Manning Galloway W 12 Nika Kumalo
Saoul Mamby W 10 Larry Barnes
Jorge Bracamonte W 10 Juan Carlos Ortiz
Miguel Arroyo KO 1 Rafael Ernesto Senna
Francisco Bobadilla KO 5 Miguel Arroyo
Jeffrey Bell KO 3 Tommy Ayers
Jung Oh Park KO 6 Yong Bae Cho
Sulio Sanchez KO 11 Miguel Dominguez
Hector Vilte KO 1 Marcelo Vega

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Julio Cesar Chavez KO 3 Russell Mosley
(Non-Title Bout)
Charles Murray KO 1 Salvador Villa
Rafael Pineda KO 7 Ed Pollard
Harold Brazier No Dec. 15 Buck Smith
Edwin Rosario W 10 Dwayne Swift
Angel Hernandez KO 3 Rosenberg Rosas
Pat Barrett KO 4 Efrem Calamati
Vinny Burgese W 10 Frankie Diorio
Carl Griffith W 10 Harry Arroyo
Hugo Hernandez KO 6 Jose Saldivia
Hugo Hernandez KO 3 Raul Blanco
Marco Antonio Lizarraga KO 6 Alberto Llanes
Todd Foster KO 2 Manuel Arce
Romallis Ellis KO 2 Dwayne Brooks

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Freddie Pendleton KO 6 Luis Portacarrera
Tracy Spann KO 3 Eduardo Luciano
Pedro Sanchez KO 3 Jose Luis Vazquez
Aladdin Stevens KO 10 Abraham Gumede

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Genaro Hernandez KO 3 Richard Abila
Eugene Speed KO 5 Kenny Baysmore
Ben Lopez KO 3 Pablo Ramos
Sylvester Kennon KO 8 John Lark
Aaron Lopez W 10 Rafael Ortega
Craig Pevy KO 9 Claudemir Dias
Kenichiro Kojo KO 8 Yong Man Chun

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Louie Espinoza KO 3 Fernando Teran
Eloy Rojas KO 5 Bong Jun Lee
Ricardo Cepeda W 10 Albert Rendon
Harold Rhodes KO 4 Floyd Brown
Miguel Francia W 12 Benito Badilla
Fabrice Benichou KO 2 Amos Cowart
Javier Marquez KO 7 Tommy Cordova
Ray Medel W 10 Jesus Sierra
Carlos Uribe KO 8 Hugo Escudero
Robert Schonning W 10 Lucio Lopez

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Luis Mendoza KO 3 Ruben Palacios
(Wins Vacant WBA Title)
Happy Lora KO 3 Emilio Aponte
Wilfredo Vasquez KO 12 Joe Orewa
Noree Jockygym W 10 Choo Man Han
Sergio Palma W 10 Juan Nogueira
Baby Sugar Rojas KO 3 Amos Cowart
Ruben Condori W 10 Sergio Valenzuela

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Fernie Morales W 10 Jose Luis Vega Gil
Javier Leon W 10 Paul Gonzales
Kiyoshi Hatanaka W 10 Chucherd Eausampan
Raul Loblein W 12 Nelson Ulrich
Derrick Whiteboy W 12 Lybo Nkoko
Roberto Moran W 12 Sergio Rodriguez

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
David Griman W 10 Hyun Chul Lee
Jose Ruiz KO 8 Wilfredo Vargas
Armando Castro KO 4 Pedro Rabago
Gustavo Ballas W 10 Sergio Carlevaris

FLYWEIGHTS
Dave McAuley W 12 Rodolfo Blanco
(Retains IBF Title)
Sot Chitalada KO 11 Richard Clarke
(Retains WBC Title)
Isidro Perez KO 12 Angel Rosario
Hilario Zapata W 10 Agustin Garcia
Ramon Retamozo KO 3 Antonio Galarza

LIGHT FLYWEIGHTS
Humberto Gonzalez KO 8 Jorge Rivera
(Retains WBC Title)

STRAWWEIGHTS
Far-Lan Lookmingkwan W 12 Eric Chavez
(Retains IBF Title)
Ala Villamor KO 2 Hae Suk Kwon

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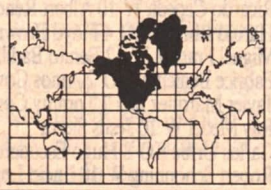

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

CALIFORNIA

IRVINE—Marriot Hotel—State super featherweight titlist **Ben "Pit Bull" Lopez**, 131, scored a third-round kayo over **Pablo Ramos**, 129, Mexico, 18-5, in a non-title fight. Lopez tagged Ramos with a solid left-right combination as the Mexican was trying to get inside the reach of the taller Lopez, 17-6 (11). Referee: Dan Millsap.

Jesus Castenada, 176, tattooed the tattoo man, Carlos Valdivia, 182, in one round.

Crowd favorite Shane Kaplan, 152½, Irvine, 2-0, stopped tough Kelly Green, 155, in the third.

Joaquin Rodriquez, 116, Baldwin Park, stopped Ali Lesi, 116, Pomona, in the fourth round.

James Bosch, 129, scored a second-round TKO over Polo Maya, Los Angeles, when the doctor declared the cut above Maya's eye too severe for him to continue.

Joey Martin, 140, Anaheim, TKO'd Steve Turchetta, 140¾, in the third round. Turchetta was dropped twice; Martin once.

Promoter: Don Fraser
Attendance: 1,142
(8-27-90)

Paul Silverman

LOS ANGELES—The Great Western Forum—In an action-packed card, headliner **Genaro Hernandez**, 131, Los Angeles, continued his relentless push toward a world title shot when he destroyed **Richard Abila**, 130½, Midland, Texas, in the third round of a scheduled 10-rounder.

Making his second start since undergoing surgery on his left hand, Hernandez showed a lot of respect for Abila in the opening round, sizing him up with his piston-like jab. By the middle of the second, Abila was soaking up a lot of punishment, and when he wrestled Hernandez around the ring in the third, it was the beginning of the end. Hernandez suddenly came alive with a vicious burst of aggression that caught Abila off-guard. A left hook floored Abila, who got up groggy at nine, and a few moments later, a right hook had him down. The stoppage at 2:18 improved Hernandez to 20-0 (9). Abila dropped to 15-6 (8).

"Sharpshooter" Louie Espinoza made no mistakes as he easily stopped the dwarfish Fernando Teran after 2:59 of the third round. Espinoza is 36-4-1 (30); Teran 28-10-1 (10).

The biggest flop of the night was former Olympian Paul Gonzales, who dropped a unanimous 10-round decision to Javier Leon, 31-2-2 (18). The scoring: 97-92, and 95-94 (twice), even though Leon lost a point for a low blow in the seventh. A lot of the rounds were very close, but Gonzales, 14-3-1 (3), who had a lot of trouble making the weight, appeared to have little desire to win. The winner moves ahead in the Forum bantamweight tournament.

Matchmaker: Antonio Curtis
Attendance: 6,080
(8-27-90)

RESEDA—Country Club—Coming off a six-month layoff, an overweight and out of shape **Orlin Norris**, 230, stopped journeyman **Danny Wofford**, 10-12-1 (4), at 1:59 of the 10th round. Even though Wofford, 210, Columbus, South Carolina, only came to survive and pick up a check, there was no excuse for Norris, 23-2 (10), whose timing was way off. He needed to win impressively, but he failed to do so, and the crowd left in droves during the fight.

The best fight of the night featured a great come-from-behind performance by David Kamu, 140, Los Angeles, who knocked out Rogelio Montenegro, 147, Mexico, in the seventh round. The Mexican fighter came out swinging with both fists and floored Kamau in the opening round. The two-fisted assault continued into the middle rounds, with the normally aggressive African being forced to backpedal.

By the sixth, however, Montenegro, 26-2 (24), tired, and Kamau, with the urging of his corner, began taking control. Seizing the advantage in round seven, Kamau, 9-0 (8), sent Montenegro to the canvas with a series of blows, and the referee counted him out. Montenegro, 26-2 (24), remained motionless on the canvas for at least 15 minutes before he was taken to the hospital.

Ricky Quiles, 140, Ohio, drew with Glen Hudson, 139, Los Angeles, over four tough rounds. Quiles, 4-0-1 (1), the more experienced fighter, failed to cope with Hudson, 0-0-1, despite having former champion Ray Mancini in his corner.

Junior lightweights Larry Loy, Van Nuys, and Paul Padilla, Fresno, fought to four-round draw. Loy is 3-0-1; Padilla 2-0-1 (2).

Promoter: Ten Goose Boxing
Matchmaker: Thomas Brown
(8-28-90)

Michael Hepworth

COLORADO

DENVER—Mammoth Events Center—Rejuvenated **Mark Fernandez**, 132, Denver, 25-7-1 (14), copped an easy TKO over **Joey Phillips**, 133, Las Vegas, 13-18 (4), when Phillips' corner surrendered at the begining of the seventh. Phillips never even attempted to fight.

Henry Anaya, 147, Albuquerque, 16-1 (10), won a dull eight-round unanimous decision over James Martinez, 146, Dallas, 40-33-2. Anaya's nine-month layoff was much in evidence, particularly in precision and timing.

Making his pro debut, Tito Tovar, 131, Denver, stopped Eddie Doran, 134, Las Vegas, 0-3, just 18 seconds into the fight.

Popular Vinnie Ponzio, 120, Denver, 5-1-1 (3), returned to action after a year layoff with a one-round kayo over Rafael Castillo, 121, Las Vegas.

David Sanchez, 134, Leadville, took a hotly disputed six-round split nod over Mark Alley, 134, Salt Lake City.

Jerome Hill, 180, Denver, 6-2-1 (2), won a unanimous decision over J.J. Cottrell, 173, West Point, Utah, 24-28-4.

The fights weren't the best, but first-timer Hank Caltabiano should be congratulated on a first-rate presentation.

Referees: Novar Garcia, Bob Hamilton
Judges: John Ulibarri, Bil Yeoman, Ed Walsh
Physician: Gentry Dunlop
(7-27-90)

DENVER—Indoor Sports Arena—**Tony Biglen**, 146, Denver, 10-1-1 (6), pursued **Lee Mascarenus**, 147, Farmington, 3-8, from ring post to ring post before banging him out at 1:34 of the eighth round in a scheduled 12.

Felipe Garcia, 120, Denver, 2-1-1 (2), who lost his world champion kickboxing title to Troy Dorsey, stopped Caroll Ellington, 121, Farmington, midway through the third of a scheduled 12.

John Welters, 157, Thorton, 22-3 (11), scored a third-round kayo over Conrad Sheppard, 158, Albuquerque.

Holmer Pettigrew, 134, Albuquerque, lost a controversial 12-round decision to Jorge Romero, 132, Denver, 7-0 (5).

Berry Basler, Denver, 3-0, TKO'd Jeff Shoemaker, Berger, Missouri, in the fourth and final frame. Shoemaker, who had knocked Basler down earlier in this cruiser battle, actually appeared to follow the momentum of his own wild punch to the canvas. The spill was ruled a knockdown, and even with Shoemaker popping up at eight, the fight was waved. Suspicious indeed. Shoemaker and most of the other visiting fighters had no recorded fights.

Billy Burden, 145, Denver, 1-0-1, fought an exciting majority draw with James Phillips, 142, Farmington, 0-1-1.

Dave Green, 298, 1-1 (1), scored a third-round TKO over John Moore, 204, Denver, 0-3-1.

Promoter: Vern Stevenson
Referees: Danny Ross, Ray Shoeinger
Attendance: 400 (estimated)
(7-28-90)

DENVER—Regency Hotel—Former three-time world champion **Wilfred Benitez**, 160, Tucson, won a 10-round unanimous decision over **Sam Wilson**, 160, Salem, Oregon. Benitez fought an earnest fight, but his once-masterful talents were not in evidence.

Forced into the unaccustomed role of aggressor, Benitez was able to catch the circling Wilson with enough lead right hands to win handily on the cards (scoring of 98-91, 99-90, and 96-93). A big right forced Wilson to duck outside the ropes in the fifth, which brought a standing eight from referee Novar Garcia. Another right felled Wilson in the eighth, but did not appear to leave him in serious jeopardy.

Benitez was unable to put punches together. Worse, he missed often, and often missed badly, and was left woefully off-balance. He was solidly rocked in the sixth frame by a straight right, and looked very vulnerable for a few precious seconds while Wilson chose to admire his handywork. Benitez is 2-1 in his comeback quest. A month before this bout, a Montana pug named Bob Gonyea, with a mark of 2-1, knocked Wilson, 6-20, senseless in a matter of minutes.

Donny Giron, 155, Denver, found a courageous opponent in John "Ju Ju" Edwards, Billings, 6-8-2 (2). Normally a welterweight, Edwards, 157, made a creditable effort, but Giron, 9-1-2 (8), busted him up so badly that Edwards' corner did not let him out for the seventh of this scheduled 10-rounder.

Earl Jackson, 156, Denver, 4-0-1 (3), stopped warhorse Ray Menefee, 157, Lincoln, at 2:49 of the third. Jackson is 4-0-1 (3).

Jose Lupe Lopez, 130, Denver, 5-1 (3), made his first hometown pro fight a memorable one, punching out surprisingly game Jockey Jay James at 1:15 of the fourth in a six-rounder.

Promising Michael Powell, 147, Denver, found a tough customer in Anthony Chavez, 147, Albuquerque. Powell, 4-0, dominated early, but Chavez, 1-4, never quit, and rallied in the final frames of this six-round contest. Scores: 58-57, 59-55, and 60-55, all for Powell.

Promoter: Lupita Enterprises
Matchmaker: Aurelio Martinez
Judges: Joe Williams, Carlos Lando, Ed Walsh
Physicians: Dr. Mark Solano, Dr. Phil Quintana
Referees: Novar Garcia, Stesve Blea
Attendance: 1,250 (estimated)
(8-24-90)

Ed Walsh

IDAHO

BOISE—Hawk Stadium—**Alberto Gonzales**, Carson City, Nevada, won a fast-paced 10-round unanimous decision over Bakesfield's Richard Lee; super middleweights.

The pro debut of localite Kenny Keene was the reason for the large turnout. Keene, a cruiserweight, didn't disappoint, winning a four-round unanimous nod over tough Ray Pacheco, Albuquerque, 1-2-1.

Reno's Richard Robinson spoiled the pro debut of Doug Cappel, Boise, by winning a four-round decision; junior welterweights.

Craig Show, Boise, 2-1, outpointed Arnold Sam, Yerrington, 5-25-1, over four rounds.

Brandon Fleming, 156, Boise, 2-0 (1), scored two knockdowns en route to a four-round unanimous nod over Jeff Rangel, 156, Carson City.

Promoter: Mad Max Productions

Referees: Jerry Armstrong, Ken Butler

Attendance: 1,400 (estimated)

(8-11-90)

Ed Walsh

INDIANA

SOUTH BEND—Century Center—Local junior welterweight **Harold Brazier**, 141½, ranked seventh by the IBF, won a unanimous decision over **Anthony Stephens**, 141½, Minneapolis, Minnesota. In his usual workmanlike method, Brazier, 70-10-1 (51), used good defense and counterpunches to dominate the 10-round contest. Stephens, 15-3-1 (10), was game but found his experienced opponent difficult to handle. The scores: 100-90, and 98-92 (twice).

Norman "Psycho" Bates, 142, Elkhart, 22-1 (8), fought an excellent fight and easily outpointed Kenneth Kidd, 140, Jackson, Tennessee, 10-4 (8), over eight rounds. The scores: 80-72, and 79-73 (twice).

Kim Jackson, 123, Elkhart, won a hard fought four-round decision over Scott Robinson, 122, Minneapolis.

Brian Young, 152, Elkhart, TKO'd Randy Handshoe, 152, Kendallville, at 1:07 of the second round.

Kermit Cain, 160, Ardmore, Oklahoma, TKO'd Mike Taylor, 157½, Mishawaka, at 2:38 of the second.

Andy Panelli, 205, South Bend, won a four-round nod over Tim Morrison, 223, Jay, Oklahoma.

Promoters: Fred Berns and Top Rank

Matchmaker: Pete Susens

Referees: Sean Curtin, Pete Podgorski, Gary Guiden

Judges: Fred Jones, Monte Cox, Gary Merritt

Television: ESPN

Attendance: 800 (estimated)

(8-2-90)

Gary L. Merritt

MAINE

LEWISTON—Maine Civic Center—**Manning Galloway** 147, Columbus, Ohio, retained the WBO welterweight title with a sloppy, and for the most part boring, 12-round unanimous decision over aggressive but crude **Nika Kumalo**, 145, Capetown, South Africa. Galloway's main talent is his ability to frustrate his opponent with superior defensive skills, but his lack of offense has never boded well for his marketability.

Kumalo made the fight, but his punches seldom landed over the first seven rounds. But in the eighth, Kumalo, 34-4 (18), landed a left hook-right cross combination that stunned Galloway, 50-10-3 (17), and after trying to clinch, he hit the deck for a three-count. Kumalo also landed good punches in the ninth and 12th, but it was not enough to pull out the decision.

Judges Frank Garza, Harold Lederman, and Gerry Maltz all scored 115-112. *The Ring* scorecard read 114 apiece. Referee: Robert Ramirez.

Angel Gonzalez, Harford, Connecticut, eked out a spilt decision over South African Joseph White, 126, Johannesburg. White, 12-2 (3), looked much bigger than Gonzalez, 124, and certainly threw the harder punches. But Gonzalez, 10-3 (6), was not deterred by his foe's strength. Gonzalez' superior conditioning and rapid combinations allowed him to control the second half of the fight. Judge Robert Morey saw it 97-94 for White, while George Gendron and Louis Vigneault had it 96-95 and 97-93, respectively, for Gonzalez.

Another South African hopeful, heavyweight Francois Botha, 225, Pretoria, 5-0 (2), had his hands full, but ultimately won a six-round decision over veteran Kevin Denson, 195, Providence, Rhode Island, 9-13 (5).

Sean Jones, 199, Boston, 2-3, was outboxing pudgy brawler Mark Machain, 220, Rutland, Vermont, 3-3, who had resorted to wrestling tactics. In the fourth, referee Rene LaLiberte disqualified Jones after finding teeth marks on Machain's bicep.

Making his pro debut, localite Mario Bergeron, 153, won a four-round unanimous decision over John Saunders, 159, Lynn, Massachusetts.

Promoters: Johnny Bos, Joe Garnache Sr.

Referees: Robert Ramirez, Marc Landry, Rene LaLiberte

Judges: Louis Vigneault, George Gendron, Robert Morey, Frank Garza, Harold Lederman, Gerald Maltz

Attendance: 500 (estimated)

(8-25-90)

Jay N. Miller

MASSACHUSSETS

BOSTON—Sheraton Boston—**Steve Collins** inserted himself back into the middleweight title picture, hammering Venezuelan middleweight champion **Fermin Chirino** to the canvas five times en route to a sixth-round TKO.

Chirino, 164, New York City, provided all the action in the opening round, pursuing Collins, 163, Brockton, with wild, looping swings. By the second stanza, Collins, 17-1 (7), had reverted to form, bulling his way inside and ripping punches ceaselessly, yet avoiding Chirino's counterpunches with quick footwork and head movement. Baffled by Collins' attack, Chirino, 14-5-2 (8), looked like he was fighting underwater for the rest of the night.

Chirino's left eye began to swell in round three, and he was moving backwards by round four. In the fifth, another Collins flurry ended with a short left hook that dropped Chirino for a six-count. Chirino fell soon afterward from another volley, but bounced up at four. An all-out Collins attack left Chirino sagging to the mat again after the bell, but referee Dick Flaherty ruled no knockdown. Collins mixed body shots into his sixth-round fusillade, and Chirino went to his knees for an eight-count in the early going. When he rose the pressure never stopped, and when the Venezuelan sank for the final time, it was as much from exhaustion as any one punch. Flaherty waved it off at 2:10.

Bruce Seldon, 223, Atlantic City, 15-0 (12), scored a seventh-round TKO over John "Big Red" Morton, 238, Covington, Kentucky, 12-12 (10), in one of the most exciting fights Beantown fans have seen in years. Seldon, "The Atlantic City Express," was too quick for Morton, and he deserved every round on the cards.

A six-round preliminary saw Angel Gonzalez, 118, Hartford, dominate Jose Beato, 118, Hartford, in winning a one-sided decision.

Springfield's Pat Ireland, 142, peppered Jaime Rodriguez, 147, Lynn, with his left jab to win a four-round decision.

Ray Oliviera, 140, New Bedford, won his second pro bout by shutting out Hartford's Greg Cadiz, 141, over four frames.

Providence youngster Lewis Veador, 142, 7-0 (4), scored a fourth-round TKO over Ed Correa, 141, Waterbury, Connecticut.

Steve Manfredo, 156, Providence, outboxed Bridgeport's Jose Vera, 158, for a boring four-round win.

Making his pro debut, Lowell's Edwin Santana, 127, stopped Springfield's Jose Rivera, 126, in 37 seconds.

Promoter: Goodwin A.C., in association with Top Rank

Referees: Dick Flaherty, Doug Sherrin

Judges: Ed Marchand, Vincent Lee

Television: ESPN

Attendance: 2,042

(8-16-90)

Jay N. Miller

MICHIGAN

AUBURN HILLS—The Palace—In what was a tuneup for his eventual showdown with IBF champion Prince Charles Williams, Kronkster **Michael Moorer**, 21-0 (21), stopped **Jim MacDonald**, 29-10 (26), Flint, at 55 seconds of the third round.

In the co-main, Williams, 178, Mansfield, Ohio, 29-4-2, stopped Bert Gravley, 178¾, Beckley, West Virginia, 17-9 (9), at 23 seconds of the third round. Both fights were mere target practice.

Junior welterweight Oba Carr, 9-0 (7), looked sharp stopping a hapless Anthony Fletcher, 140, Philadelphia, 24-4-1 (8), with a crushing right hook at 56 seconds of the third stanza.

Another Kronk product, Gerald McClellan, 16-2, won a dull eight-round unanimous decision over Sanderline Williams, Cleveland, 24-12-1 (14); middleweights.

Jeff Whaley, 134, Cincinnati, 13-7-1 (11), came off the deck to kayo fellow Ohioan Terry Sutherland, 8-2 (3).

In another bout featuring Ohio natives, debuting Steve Fischer won a four-round unanimous decision over Jeff Scheik, 24-1; middleweights.

Leon Hadnot, 144¾, Cincinnati, scored a second-round TKO over Lee Carmello, 145¾, Cleveland.

Other prominent light heavyweights on hand were WBA champion Virgil Hill, three-time WBC titlist Dennis Andries, and Tommy Hearns.

Promoter: Ringside Productions

Television: USA Network

(8-21-90)

DEARBORN—Hyatt Regency Hotel—Unbeaten prospect **James Toney** celebrated his 22nd birthday with a second-round TKO over Kevin Brazier, South Bend, Indiana, 11-10; middleweights.

Kronk's Phillipa Martin took the vacant Michigan junior welterweight title with a unanimous decision over popular Mike Grable, Clarkston, 11-2-1.

Kronk's Jason Crutchfield, 3-0, stopped Cincinnati's Anthony Ferguson in the first.

Frank Liles, 11-0, kayoed James Johnson, 8-4-1, in the first; light heavyweights.

Heavyweight Kermit Fitzpatrick, Livonia, 3-0, defeated Jerome Walker, Steubenville, Ohio.

Kronkster Anthony Lopez, 133, won a unanimous decision over Steve Thomas, 133½, Detroit, 1-1, in one of the evening's more spirited contests.

(8-24-90)

Thomas F. Paruszkiewicz

MINNESOTA

ST. PAUL—Gatesby's Bar—Junior welterweight **Mike Evgen**, 143, St. Paul, 13-0 (7), stopped **Kenneth Kidd**, 142, Jackson, Tennessee, at 2:08 of the seventh round. Even though Evgen had to sweat off a pound at the weigh-in, Kidd, 9-7, was no match.

In the semifinal, John Sargent, 235, Nahtahwaush, 6-0 (4), won a four-round unanimous decision over Danny Blake, Milwaukee, 11-32-6 (3).

Bob Butters, 143, White Bear Lake, 2-0 (2), stopped Jeff Gates, 140, Muncie, Indiana, 1-1, in the third round.

Pro debuting Donnie Pendleton, 175, Milwaukee, won a four-round decision over Jordan Keepers, 177, Beloit, Wisconsin, 0-21-1.

Gerald Shelton, 138, Chicago, 5-15-1 (1), outpointed Albert Grady, 137, Milwaukee, 0-6, over four rounds.

Promoter: Erin Productions

Matchmaker: Ron Peterson

Referees & Judges: Denny Nelson, Leroy Benson, Manny Melindez

(8-21-90)

George D. Blair

NEBRASKA

OMAHA—Peoney Park Ballroom—Localite **Dick Ryan**, 221, got revenge on the only man to beat him, **Dino Homsey**, 210. The Arizonan had posted a TKO over Ryan in Las Vegas. This time, in the second round, Omaha's "Raging Bull" dropped Homsey with a right uppercut that put him on one knee just before the bell. Ryan, 22-1, subsequently applied pressure, while Homsey fired off counters. Homsey, 25-10, was dropped in the third, and put down for good in the fourth.

Irish Dan Murphy, Ft. Calhoun, TKO'd Aaron Brown, Oklahoma City, in the third; heavyweights.

Kenny Schaefer, Ralston, 15-1, flattened Eddie Johnson, Tulsa, via third-round kayo; light heavyweights.

Classy Ray Domenge, Omaha, beat Anthony Campbell, Little Rock, Arkansas, via four-round unanimous decision in a good bout; super middleweights.

Tony Menefee, Lincoln, outpointed old pro Wayne Grant, Omaha, over four rounds; middleweights.

Mike Juarez, Omaha, looked great as he stopped Ali Smith, St. Louis, in the third round with body blows; lightweights.

Lupe Guerra, Omaha, lost a majority four-round decision to Paul Anderson, Omaha.

Promoters: F & F Berns
Announcer: Jim Kelter
Referees: Ron Stander, Ben Belmont
Judges: Bob Ruiz, Bill Murphy, Dick McGinnis
Attendance: 967
(8-15-90)

Bob Ruiz

NEVADA

LAS VEGAS—Bally's Resort Casino—Former two-time world champion **Donald Curry**, 159, Forth Worth, Texas, 33-3 (24), needed three rounds to shake off nearly seven months of idleness before stopping durable **Jose Duran Martinez**, 156, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 15-5 (6), at 2:35 of the fourth round. Referee: Richard Steele.

In the scheduled 10-round featherweight semi-windup, Rafael Ruelas, 126½, Arleta, California, 20-0 (17), had a little more trouble than expected but still TKO'd New York's Job Walters, 126, at 2:10 of the ninth round. Walters is 12-5 (3). Referee: Toby Gibson.

Chris Sande, 160½, Las Vegas, 9-1 (3), won a unanimous four-round decision over Roger Orlaineta, 161, Tacoma, Washington, 11-1 (10).

Israel Cole, 175, Las Vegas, 11-6-4 (7), TKO'd Keith McMurray, 175, Las Vegas, at 2:55 of the second round. McMurray is 12-9-1 (7).

England's Jamie Robinson, 161, bouncing back from a second-round knockdown, landed some classy combinations to win a unanimous four-round decision over Phoenix' Deke DePalma, 161. Robinson is 2-0; DePalma 1-5.
(8-18-90)

LAS VEGAS—Bally's Resort Casino—On the undercard of the Nigel Benn-Iran Barkley WBO middleweight title bout, **Charles "The Natural" Murray**, 140, Essex County, New Jersey, TKO'd **Salvador Villa**, 140, El Centro, California, at 2:40 of the first round; scheduled for eight. Murray is 17-0 (12); Villa 8-4 (3).

Scotty "Bulldog" Olson, 112, Edmonton, Canada, 6-0 (4), used two booming right hands to stop Robert Garza, 113, Corpus Christi, Texas, 7-6 (3), at 2:13 of the second round in a slated six-rounder.

Eddie Cook, 118, Las Vegas, continued as one of the brightest young prospects when he scored his eighth straight knockout as a pro. Cook blasted out Martin Ramirez, 9-4 (4), 117, Los Angeles, at 58 seconds of the first round.

John McClain, 167, Las Vegas, made his pro debut with a controversial four-round decision over Joey DeGrandis, 166, North Hollywood, California, 2-1.
(8-18-90)

LAS VEGAS—Dunes Hotel & Country Club—**"Lightning" Lonnie Smith** employed superior experience and speed to win the vacant NABF welterweight crown over overmatched **Henry Anaya**, who was unable to answer the bell for the 10th round in their scheduled 12-round bout.

Smith, 147, Las Vegas via Denver, 26-2-1 (13), the former WBC super lightweight champion, was making only his fourth start in nearly four years. It was the first kayo loss for Anaya, 146, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 16-2 (10).

In a middleweight semifinal, Philadelphia's Willie Monroe, 160, finally caught Tony Montgomery, 158, Santa Monica, California, with a looping right cross to score a TKO victory at 2:12 of the 10th and final round. Monroe, the 24-year-old nephew of former middleweight contender Willie "The Worm" Monroe, is 15-1-1 (11). Montgomery, 29, fell to 22-4 (13).

Joey Varella, 147, Las Vegas, 4-1, scored a four-round decisioin over Enoch Jackson, 145, Las Vegas, 3-2 (1).

Clark Earls, 135, Las Vegas, knocked down Eric Garcia, 134, Albuquerque, New Mexico, three times for a TKO at 1:52 of the first round.

Darren Zenner, 158, Las Vegas, kayoed Enrique Perez, 156, Juarez, Mexico, at 21 seconds of the third round. Zenner is 2-0; Perez 3-4.
(8-20-90)

Jack Welsh

NEW JERSEY

ATLANTIC CITY—Trump Plaza—The third installment of the **Vinny Pazienza-Greg Haugen** feud came complete with the same insults and taunts that fueled their first two bouts. (The fighters had split 15-round decisions and swapped the IBF lightweight title.) What this fight lacked was excitement and drama.

Pazienza, 142, Cranston, Rhode Island, boxed and frustrated Haugen, 141¾, Henderson, Nevada, 25-3-1 (13), over 10 uneventful rounds to earn a unanimous decision.

"I'm one of the best boxers in the world," said Pazienza, 29-4 (23), who suffered small cuts around both eyes. "I'm a skilled fighter, that's how I got to this point." The scoring was 96-94, 98-92, and 97-93.

In an eight-round semifinal, prospect Tim "The Doc" Littles, 161½, Flint, Michigan, 7-0 (6), won a unanimous decision over journeyman Steve Langley, 162½, Wichita, Kansas, 17-9-1 (13).

Nick Rupa, 148, Bowmanville, Ontario, decisioned Tom Alexander, 150, Pittsburgh, over six rounds.

Kelvin Prather, 160, Jersey City, won a four-round decision over Andre Hill, 161½, Washington, D.C.

Louie Veader, 141, Johnson, Rhode Island, decisioned Aaron Evans, 140, Washington, D.C.

Promoter: Main Events
TV: NBC
(8-5-90)

ATLANTIC CITY—Caesars Atlantic City—It was gut-check time for 1988 Olympic heavyweight gold medalist **Ray Mercer** as he challenged **Bert Cooper** for the NABF heavyweight crown. In a stirring fight, both warriors displayed immense courage. Mercer earned a 12-round unanimous decision.

Mercer, 222½, Short Hills, knocked down Cooper, 217, Philadelphia, in the first round and outworked him for a decision by scores of 119-108, 117-110, and 117-106. Cooper was cut above the left eye and Mercer fought with a split lip that took more than 40 stitches, a broken finger, and a severely swollen jaw.

In a 10-round semifinal, Mercer stablemate Alfred "Ice" Cole, 188¾, Essex County, 13-0 (6), won a unanimous decision over southpaw Jesse Shelby, 187, Dallas, 16-9-1 (12).

Sizzling bantamweight prospect Junior "Poison" Jones, Brooklyn, 11-0 (7), pummeled a game Anthony Barella, Denver, 7-5 (2), to earn a unanimous eight-round decision.

Promoter: Top Rank
TV: CBS
(8-5-90)

Robert Cassidy

ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Hotel and Casino—**Donovan "Razor" Ruddock** stopped **Kimmuel Odum**, 234, Gary, Indiana, with a right hand-left hook combonation at 2:58 of the third round in a scheduled 10-round bout.

Ruddock's best punch in the fight, a left hook, caught Odum flush on the jaw, and knocked him flat. Only it came well after the bell had sounded to end round two.

The hook had been Ruddock's primary weapon up to that point, but Odum had been successful in avoiding its full impact. Referee Rudy Battle deducted a point from Ruddock, 240, Toronto, for the late punch, but could have easily disqualified him for it.

Although Odum, 12-4 (11), had finished strong in the second round, earning a 10-8 score with the point deduction, he clearly hadn't recovered during the one-minute interlude. He should have received additional time to recover from the illegal punch.

In the third, Ruddock, 24-1-1 (17), unloaded a right uppercut that froze Odum, who was coming in. The Canadian immediately finished him off.

"I have confidence in my power, and I knew when I hit him he would go," said Ruddock.

Ron Morgan, 157½, Cincinnati, 6-0 (3), battered an overmatched John Tobin, 158½, Hempstead, New York, 2-4. The referee stopped the action at the end of the third.

Jason Fisk, 128, Loudon, New Hampshire, 0-0-1, and southpaw John Gaylord, 127¾, 0-0-1, slapped each other to a four-round draw. Referee: Rudy Battle.

Anthony Sutton, 177, Irvington, 1-0, won a unstylish unanimous decision over "Dangerous" Danny Crouse, 175, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, 0-1.

Garfield McKenzie, 149, Camden, improved to 2-0-2 with a TKO at 1:22 of the second round over Matthew Phillips, 146½, Easton, Pennsylvania. Phillips, making his pro debut, was down in the first. Referee: Morton.

Promoter: Murad Muhammad, 3-M Promotions
Matchmaker: Howie Albert
Judges: William Kostrub, John Riley, James Condon
Television: CBS
Attendance: 1,200 (estimated)
(8-19-90)

Fred Blumstein

NEWARK—Robert Treat Hotel—**Elijah Tillery**, 211, Highlands, won an unpopular decision over overweight trialhorse **William Morris**, 215, Philadelphia. Tillery started with his usual flamboyant style, then coasted in the middle rounds and never regained control. While he coasted, Morris came after him.

Tillery seemed to realize what was going on and played it safe in the final three rounds, boxing like a classic amateur to pick up needed points without risk. The scores: Joe Pasquale, 95-95, but Thomas Kaczmarek and Frank Cairo, both 97-93 for Tillery. A hopeful Morris was genuinely crestfallen, and the small house showed its displeasure with the verdict. Arthur Mercante refereed.

Joe Gatti, 158, Jersey City, avenged his previous punishing loss to Eric Holland, 155, Philadelphia, barely five weeks after their initial encounter. Gatti was getting all he wanted from Holland, too, when a left hook counter wobbled the Philadelphian in the second. Forced into a wide-open shootout, Gatti buried Holland with a right cross. Holland arose, but was wobbled again, and Mercante stopped the scheduled eight at 2:32.

Mike Guadagno's unheralded William "Bo" James, 156, Newwark, keeps inching along, as he belted out Jose Torres, 153, Hartford, at 1:27 of the first. Rafael Ramos refereed.

Rock Newman's latest find, Gerard Jones, 180, New York City, had little trouble disposing of Kelvin Haden, 186, Newark, in a scheduled four. Haden was dropped in the third, and didn't come out for the fourth. Referee: Ramos.

In the night's best bout, Mark DiGiovanni, 150, Kearny, dropped Abbi Vega, 148, Astoria, New York, in the second, then had the fight of his life en route to a four-round unanimous decision. Referee: Ramos.

Promoter: East Coast Boxing & Peltz Boxing Promotions
Matchmakers: J. Russell Peltz, Rock Newman
Attendance: 200 (estimated)
TV: SportsChannel NY
(8-17-90)

J.R. Jowett

NEW YORK

SARATOGA SPRINGS—City Center—On the Canizales-Rangel undercard, heavyweight **Lou Savarese**, 225, Houston via Greenwood Lake, 13-0 (12), easily kayoed out-of-shape **Barry Kirton**, 211, Richmond, Virginia, 7-2 (2), in the second round of a scheduled eight. Referee Harry Papakaralambus, who seemed lost all night, ruled Kirton a kayo loser at 2:00 after Savarese dropped him with a *body-slam.* The winner also scored one legitimate knockdown.

Willie Kemp, 163, Troy, 10-2 (7), knocked Milton Leaks, 157, Hartford, 16-11 (10), through the ropes and onto the arena floor to score a TKO at 48 seconds of the fourth round; scheduled for eight. Leaks, who injured his shoulder in the fall, was unable to return to the ring by the end of the 20-count. Referee: Papakaralambus.

Jose Torrez, 157, Hartford, 4-4 (3), stopped Pat Cavanaugh, 158, 1-3-1 (1), at 1:43 of the first round. Referee Papakaralambus issued two standing eight-counts before Cavanaugh was felled by a right. Scheduled for six.

Julio Torrez, 150, Hartford, 1-2, stopped Marnix Stamps, 153, Syracuse, 0-2, at 3:10 of the first round, scheduled for six. There was one knockdown. Referee: Papakaralambus.

Bob Rockwell, 165, Albany, 2-1, TKO'd debuting John Mitchell, 161, Binghampton, at 48 seconds of the fourth and final round. Mitchell was cut over the left eye and took 10 stitches. Referee: Joe Santarpia.
(8-14-90)

Steve Farhood

WHITE PLAINS—Westchester County Center—The promoters took a chance on moving young hopeful **Larry Barnes**, 146, Mt. Vernon, against competitive opposition, and Barnes came through admirably. That is, until disgraceful scoring robbed him in a split decision loss to former WBC junior welterweight champion **Saoul Mamby**, 147, Bronx, 10, for the vacant New York state welterweight title.

The bout was hardly a barnburner, but offered a dramatic clash of styles that kept fans interested. After Mamby swept the first in typical pecking fashion, the sturdy Barnes, 16-1 (8), began boring in effectively and won rounds two through six with short, jolting punches.

In the seventh, a cut above Barnes' left eye spurred Mamby into his first attempts at anything

resembling aggression. The eighth featured see-saw action, but Barnes was coming on strong in the ninth, when he suddenly barged into a left hook counter that dropped him. Still, the gritty local reclaimed command with a determined stand in an action-packed 10th that had him sweeping all cards, and should have removed any doubt as to the winner.

Castellano scored a reasonable 95-94 for Barnes, but Barbara Perez and George DeGabriel awarded Mamby 95-94 and a preposterous 97-92, respectively. The stunned crowd bombarded the ring with beer. *The Ring* scored 95-92 for Barnes. Mamby, in his 22nd year of boxing, is 42-23-6 (19), and has never been stopped. Arthur Mercante Jr. refereed.

Jake Rodriguez, 142, Brentwood, beat up a tough but outgunned Carlos Rivera, 140, Bronx, for a six-round unanimous win. Referee: Fred Ucci.

Steadily improving banger Freddie Liberatore, 126, Bayshore, swarmed and battered Manuel Santiago, 124, Lowell, Massachusetts, scoring a knockdown in the fifth, while winning a six-round unanimous decision. Referee: Mercante Jr.

Another touted youngster, however, looked miserable, as Donny Leonardo, 154½, Staten Island, struggled to hang onto a split draw with Julio Torres, 150, Hartford, in a sloppy, bruising four. Referee: Ucci.

Unheralded Ricky Thomas, 156, Albany, stopped the touted Federico Triunfel, 156, Brooklyn, at 2:24 of the second, scheduled for four. Referee: Ucci.

Anthony Perez, 119, Brooklyn, boxed rings around Adam Aviles, 118, Hartford, for a four-round unanimous win. Referee: Mercante Jr.

Gary Carriero, 155, Port Chester, dished out a one-sided beating to Carlos Gordon, 155, Bronx, in winning a unanimous four. Referee: Ucci.

Promoter: Michael Blutrich & Jeffrey Wessel (New Contenders, Inc.), Bob Arum
Matchmaker: Ron Katz
Attendance: 900 (estimated)
TV: ESPN
(8-23-90)

J.R. Jowett

NEW YORK—New York Penta Hotel Ballroom—Number-one lightweight contender **Tracy Spann**, 137, Plainfield, New Jersey, received a good, albiet, short workout with a third-round TKO over crafty **Eduardo Luciano**, 135, Astoria. Referee: Luis Rivera. Spann looks forward to a showdown with world champion Pernell Whitaker.

In a battle of Brooklynites, Leon Taylor, 190, won a unanimous eight-round decision over Melvin Epps, 190. Referee: Carl Schroeder.

Mike Green, 128, Plainfield, New Jersey, scored a fourth-round TKO over localite Sammy Ruiz, 126½. Referee: Schroeder.

In a matchup of local heavyweights, Webster Vinson, 204, won a four-round split decision over Tony Frazier, 206. Referee: Rivera.

Patrick Rose, 147, Long Beach, won a four-round majority decision over Donald Wallace, 146, Hollis. Referee: Schroeder.

Carlos Carrero, 140½, Puerto Rico, won a four-round unanimous decision over MacArthur Lee, Newark, New Jersey. Referee: Schroeder.

Junior middleweight, Eddie Leon, 150, Brooklyn, TKO'd Rafael Fernandez, 150, Brooklyn, at 1:10 of the first round. Referee: Schroeder.

Mark Simmons, 155, Queens, won a two-round technical decision over Willie Colon, Bronx, 155. Referee: Rivera.

Gerald Gray, 140, Hollis, won a four-round unanimous decision over localite Derrick Everett, 141. Referee: Rivera.

Peter O'Neal, 146, Flushing, TKO'd Ediberto Gomez, 145, Bronx, at 1:32 of the fourth and final round.

Promoter: Stillman's Gym
Matchmaker: Ron Scott Stevens
Judges: George Colon, Jack DeFaris, Al DeCesar
Attendance: 500 (estimated)
(8-24-90)

Ed Maloney

OHIO

CLEVELAND—Slovenian National Home—Cleveland's **"Irish" Tommy Hanks**, 138, 19-5 (8), scored a unanimous eight-round decision over **Jerry Massey**, 137, Cincinnati. Hanks was too strong for Massey, 5-12 (4), dropping him in the fourth and seventh rounds.

In the co-feature, Art Card, 215, Cleveland, pitched a near-shutout in his boring eight-round unanimous decision over durable Rick Spain, 214, Columbus. Card is 9-2-1 (4); Spain 2-15 (1).

In the card's best action, Tony Rodriguez, 149½, pounded out a unanimous six-round verdict over fellow Clevelander George Taylor, 150. Taylor drew applause for his gutty effort. Rodriguez is 7-1 (4); Taylor 2-9-1 (1).

Gino Calvillo, 158, Cleveland, captured a six-round split decision over Greg Harper, 160, Columbus.

In a horrendous decision, Wes Caldwell, 150, Columbus, dominated comebacking Sam DeLeon, 147, Cleveland, but wound up on the losing end of a four-round split decision.

Mike Hanks, 146½, Cleveland, ruined the debut of Cornell Rhodes, 147½, Columbus, by pounding out a unanimous four-round decision.

Promoter: Rivera-Kelly Productions
Matchmaker: Mark Rivera
Judges: Doug Patterson, Eddie Lee, Earl Jewell
Attendance: 400 (estimated)
(8-15-90)

Eric Gilebe

MAYFIELD HEIGHTS—Landerhaven Country Club—Hot prospect **Carl "Stuff" Griffith**, 139, Lorain, proved his "stuff" with a unanimous 10-round decision over former IBF lightweight champ **Harry Arroyo**, 141, Youngstown. Griffith, 13-1-1 (5), built an early lead over the slower Arroyo, 38-7 (29), and turned up the heat in the final rounds. Scores: 49-42, 48-45, and 49-43.

In an awful scheduled eight-rounder, Roland Commings, 137, Youngstown, pounded Bobby Jones, 137, Painesville, into submission at 1:05 of the third round. Commings is 14-4 (6); Jones 5-17-1 (3).

Fireplug Rodney Tatum, 153½, Akron, opened a cut over the left eye of tough Joe Moore, 150, Lorain, en route to an easy six-round unanimous decision. Tatum is 5-7-1 (1); Moore 3-4 (1).

A surprise occurred when journeyman Sam "The Spoiler" Gervins, 149, Columbus, scored a stunning one-punch stoppage over prospect Anthony Greene, 147½, Cleveland, at 2:20 of the fifth. Gervins, 14-33 (4), who had been dropped twice early in the fight, caught Greene, 6-2 (6), with a wild right uppercut.

Roy Caldwell, 137, Dennison, dominated Youngstown's Gary York, 135, to gain a unanimous four-round decision. Caldwell is 2-0; York 0-1.

Promoter: Prime Time Fights
Matchmaker: Larry Weiser
Judges: Gene Glen, Don Woodland, Tim Figley
Attendance: 800 (estimated)
(8-24-90)

Professor Marv Brown

RHODE ISLAND

WESTERLY—Bantamweight **Luigi Camputaro**, 120, Southington, Connecticut, 30-3, won a spirited eight-round unanimous decision over **Vic "Jose" Beato**, 119, Hartford, 5-4 (3). Phil Addison Jr. scored 40-32, but the other two cards were much more in line with the tightness of the bout. Dr. Clark Sammartino had it 38-36, and James Burchfield 38-35.

Westerly policeman Ron Gwaltney, 215, scored his second straight knockout by stopping Hartford's Fabian Arroyo, 208, at 2:15 of round one.

Eddie Colon, 138, Waterbury, Connecticut, won a unanimous four-round decision over Quebec's Jean-Luc Morin, 138.

Hartford's Louie Maisonett, 138, stopped crosstown rival Angel Vargas, 137, Hartford, in the first round.

Promoter: Big C Boxing
Referees: Charles Dwyer, Matteo Natale, Richard Tierney, Harold Gomes
Attendance: 500 (estimated)
(8-24-90)

Jay N. Miller

TENNESSEE

MEMPHIS—After five toe-to-toe rounds, **Dan Ward**, 193, West Memphis, Arkansas, took control in the sixth round and outboxed the tough **Aaron Brown**, 214, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to capture a 10-round unanimous decision.

Kevin Johnson, 155, Oklahoma City, won a six-round majority decision over Chuck Glover, 157, Covington; junior middleweights.

Freddie Ladd, 148, West Memphis, Arkansas, stopped Vernon Garrett, 146, Oklahoma City, at 2:34 of the second round.

"Big" Mike Faulkner, 255, Memphis, TKO'd James Ross, 195, Jackson, when Ross' corner threw in the towel at the end of the third round.

In the opener, Buck Smith, 155, Oklahoma City,

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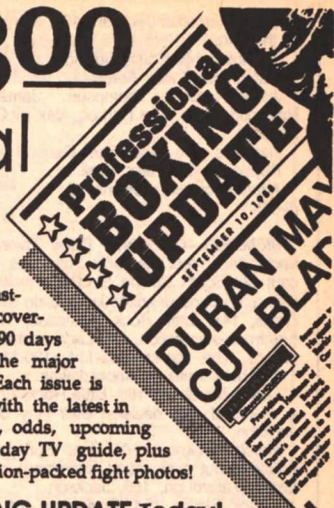

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stopped Marcellus Jackson, 160, Memphis, at 2:26 of the third.
Promoter: Mid-South Boxing
Matchmaker: Red Fortner
Judges: Don Thompson, James Perkins, Haywood Watts, Jim Harbor, Alex McCollum, Mike Belmont
Referees: Jim Kidd, Sam Garland
Physician: Dr. Peter Shell
Attendance: 600 (estimated)
(8-8-90)

MEMPHIS—Omni New Daisy Theatre—**Freddie Ladd**, 146, West Memphis, Arkansas, won the vacant Mid-South Boxing Southern welterweight title with a 12-round unanimous decision over **Lafayette Davis**, 148, Little Rock, Arkansas. The fight featured non-stop action, with Ladd controlling the later rounds. The scores: 115-114, 120-113, and 118-110. There were no knockdowns.

Lowell Merchant, 188, Little Rock, Arkansas, won a six-round split decision over Roy Bedwell, 175, Jackson.

Harold Pickney, 164, Hot Springs, Arkansas, pounded out a six-round unanimous decision over Lester Yarbrough, 160, Jackson.

Chuck Glover, 154, Covington, got back on the winning track as he stopped Johnny Simmons, 153, Memphis, at 2:59 of the second round, scheduled for six.

Scottie Smith, 160, Little Rock, Arkansas, stopped Tommy Jeans, 158, Memphis, 2:00 into the fight; middleweights.

In the opener, Mike Faulkner, 258, Memphis, stopping Lawrence Gilmore, 205, Little Rock, Arkansas, at 2:15 of the first round; scheduled for four, heavyweights.
Promoter: Mid-South Boxing, Tom Harmon
Matchmaker: Red Fortner
Judges: Dan Thompson, James Perkins, Haywood Wahs, Jim Harbor, Alex McCollum, Mike Belmont
Referees: Jim Kidd, Sam Garland, Eddie Freeman
Physician: Dr. Susan Lindsey
Attendance: 600 (estimated)
(9-4-90)

Mike Glenn

CANADA

ONTARIO

WINDSOR—Cabota Club—Kronkster southpaw **Philippa Marten**, 8-1, won a six-round unanimous decision over **Tyrone Mack**, 3-6 (2), Cincinnati; welterweights.

Localite Todd Nadin, 4-2-1, won a four-round unanimous decision over Kevin Hicks, Detroit, 4-4-1; middleweights.

In a super middleweight battle, Detroit native Tosand Jewell, 9-8-5 (5), copped a four-round unanimous decision over Jeff Scheik, Toledo, 3-3.

Windsor native Andy Wong TKO'd James Dukes, Cincinnati, in the second round; junior welterweights.

In a bout featuring debuting heavyweights, Ken McCants, Detroit, stopped Mike Donnelly at 53 seconds of the first round.

Darrin Jewell, Detroit, 2-0, won a four-round unanimous decision over Parrish Johnson, Ohio, 2-4; heavyweights.
(8-8-90)

Thomas K. Paruszkiewicz

HAMILTON—Copps Coliseum—Local middleweight **Dan Sherry**, 159, scored a major upset in winning the Canadian middleweight title from **Darrell Flint**, 159, stopping the Nova Scotian champion in three rounds. Flint was badly punished in the dramatic third.

Montreal middleweight Otis Grant, 164, stayed unbeaten, getting a unanimous eight-round verdict over Danny Mitchell, 164, Pittsburgh.

Lightweight Howard Grant, 135, Otis' brother, won his eight-rounder, getting the nod over veteran Nedrick Simmons, 137, a former Canadian champion.

Landover's Ken Wack, 153, won a six-round decision over Lamark Davis, 158, Toledo, Ohio.
Promoter: Mizuk & Sherry Promotions
Physicians: Dr. Allastair Murray, Dr. Marvin Cezant
Timekeeper: Frank Shillolo
Attendance: 3,500
(8-1-90)

MISSISSAUGA—Superstars Nightclub—In his second Canadian appearance, heavyweight **Lennox Lewis**, 228, knocked out **Mike Acey**, 221, Beckley, in only two rounds. A big left to the midsection sent Acey down and out at 1:34 of the second. The Seoul gold medalist is 13-0-0 (12). Acey is a reported 12-3.

Welterweight champion Donovan Boucher, 150, had nothing to beat in Marvin Ladson, 149, Winston-Salem, knocking out his opponent in the very first round.

Robin Smith, 155, Butte, Montana, got the verdict in his eight-rounder with Clarksburg's Tom Small, 154.

Russian heavyweight Alex Zolkine, 217, scored a first-round kayo over Robbie Robinson, 233, Windsor.

Former Canadian lightweight champion John Kalbhenn, 138¼, won a six-round prelim over Vercell Curry, 138¼, Clarksburg.

Another Russian, light heavyweight Albert Gouchigov, 177, stopped Clarksburg's Dave Overton, 175, in three rounds.
Promoter: Executive Personnel
Physicians: Dr. M. Sazant, Dr. A. Murray
Timekeeper: Frank Shillolo
Referees: Bobby Bel, Harry Davis
(7-11-90)

TORONTO—Hollywood Princess Convention Centre—In a piece of bad matchmaking, Canadian & Commonwealth welterweight champion **Donovan Boucher**, 150, stopped **John Battle**, 149, Grand Rapids, in five rounds. A furious volley of left hands sent Battle to the floor in the fourth. Another avalanche of hooks in the fifth made the referee wisely stop the action. Boucher is 19-3-1. Referee: Fernand Chretien.

Larry Benson, Toronto, 136, completely overpowered veteran Nedrick Simmons, 136, stopping him in the eighth round of their scheduled 10.

Comebacking Rick Souce, 144, knocked out Donovan Lee, 144, in four rounds in this battle of Toronto fighters. Souce is 14-3.

Former African amateur middleweight champion Abdullah Ramadan, 161, turned pro by stopping Toronto's Everton McEwen, 161, in the first round. McEwen is 1-1.
Promoter: Jopell Promotion
Physicians: Dr. A. Murray, Dr. M. Sazant
(5-31-90)

WINDSOR—Cabota Club—**Philippa Marten**, Detroit, stopped Louisville welterweight **Tyrone Mack** in seven rounds. Sharper with his punches, Marten, 143, wore down Mack, 146½, with crisp combinations and good jabbing. At 2:07 of the round, the referee halted the action.

Darrin Jewell, 183, Detroit, won a four-round duke over Paris L. Johnson, 182¼, Columbus.

Tosand Jewell, Darrin's brother, 165½, won a four-round decision over Jeff Scheick, 161¾, Toledo.

Ken McCants, 227, also from the Motor City, needed only 55 seconds of the first round to dispose of Mike Donnelly, 211, Flint.

Windsor's own Andy Wong, 145¾, continued his winning ways, stopping James Dukes, 144¾, Cincinnati, at 23 seconds of the first round.

This city's other favorite, Todd Nadon, 162½, won a four-round duke over Kevin Hicks, Detroit, 160.
Promoter: 3 Pals Distribution & Promotion Inc.
Physicians: Dr. Allastair Murray, Dr. Aurel Radin
Timekeepers: Joe Kollins, Duncan Stewart
(8-8-90)

ALBERTA

CALGARY—Victoria Pavillion—Edmonton lightweight **Stan Cunningham**, 146, produced a good performance, winnning a unanimous 10-round decision over **Dennis McNeil**, 146½, Toronto. Both men were very aggressive, but Cunningham, in his first main event, forced the fight throughout.

The other 10-rounder saw oldtimer Johnny Herbert, 148½, Vancouver, winning a decision over Vince Dunfee, 147¾, Butte, Montana.

Conroy Nelson, 221, another veteran formerly of Ottawa but now residing in this city, finally won a fight, outscoring Pisa Finai, 256¼, Salt Lake City.

Calgary's own Reggie Johnson, 131, again was on the losing end. He was stopped at 58 seconds of the first by Mark Ally, 131½, Salt Lake City.

Debuting Calgarian heavyweight Everton Davis, 218¾, stopped Robert Hall, 192¼, Salt Lake City.
Promoter: Mrs. June Billinghurst
Physicians: Dr. Salim Mawani, Dr. Les Wilox
Attendance: 300 (estimated)
(6-23-90)

EDMONTON—Agricom—Former heavyweight champion **George Foreman**, 261, paid a visit to Western Canada to take on national champion **Ken Lakusta**, 216, in a scheduled 10.

Lakusta was stopped in three rounds. Foreman scored two knockdowns. After the first knockdown, Lakusta rose and surprised the former champion with a crisp right, but the massive Foreman decided that the time had come to terminate the bout. Lakusta took the count on his knees from referee Don Smart, but got applause for his courageous effort.

Former IBF junior middleweight champion Matthew Hilton won a lopsided 10-round verdict over Memphis trialhorse Knox Brown. Hilton, 160, was very aggressive and floored Brown, 162, in the third round, but let him off the hook. Hilton could benefit from a couple of fights before again thinking of world title fights. Referee: David Ward.

Canadian light heavyweight champion Danny Stonewalker, 174, billed from Hobbema, Alberta, won a 12-round split decision in retaining the title in a close, hard-fought contest with challenger Dave Fiddler, 175, Edmonton. Fiddler was down in the first. Both men suffered multiple cuts. Referee: Del Smart.

Fast-rising Edmonton prospect Scott Olson, 112, stopped Rogelio Martinez, 113, Los Angeles, with a devastating first-round right.

Off-balance Stan Cunningham, 144, Edmonton, was hard-pressed in a four-round prelim vs. Las Vegan Ray Collins, 147, and was lucky to get a draw.

In a scheduled eight-rounder, Renaldo Carter, 130, Detroit, scored a clean fifth-round kayo over Ignacio Gallegos, 129, Harlingen, Texas.
Promoters: Top Rank, KO Boxing Promotions
Physicians: Dr. G. Sollbach, Dr. H.A. Schwarz
Attendance: 5,200
(7-31-90)

NOVA SCOTIA

GLACE BAY—Glace Bay Miners Forum—In a pro-am card, two pro fights headlined. In the 10-rounder, former light heavyweight champion **Roddy MacDonald**, 172, Cape Breton, injured his shoulder and could not answer the bell for the fourth round, leaving **Melvin Ricks**, 175, Ohio, the winner. They had previously fought to a 10-round draw. MacDonald has seen his best days and should think seriously about his future. Referee: Allie Steele.

In the other pro fight, Calgary heavyweight threat Brent Kosolofski, 183, won on a second-round stoppage over an overweight and out-of-shape Steve Sutherland, 196, Halifax. Kosolofski is 4-0 (4). Sutherland was suspended and may have completed his boxing career. Referee: Wayne Hollett.
Promoter: K M Promotions
Physicians: Dr. E.B. Johnson, Dr. F. Kelly
Attendance: 1,200 (estimated)
(7-7-90)

Michel Gladu

PUERTO RICO

SAN JUAN—El San Juan Hotel—Fourth-ranked IBF light heavyweight **Freddy Delgado**, 178, 19-1 (18), scored a quick win over **Victor Claudio**, 175, 14-6, stopping his countryman at 1:22 of the opening round.

Freddy Sanchez, 166, scored a third-round kayo over Jose Quinones, 164. Sanchez is 11-0; Quinones 24-12-2.

Jose "Pancho" Gonzalez, 127, was ahead on all scorecards when referee Jimmy Pena disqualified Panamanian Mario Agostini, 126, for repeated butting, at 2:15 of the sixth. Gonzalez is 10-0.

Jose Vilarino, 139, Cuba, outpointed Mexican Johnny Montanez, 141, over four rounds.

The opener saw Luis Feipe Perez, 141, eke out a four-round decision over Valentin Ocasio, 141.

Roberto Duran was the guest of honor of promoter Luis DeCubas
Attendance: 1,500 (estimated)
(7-26-90)

SAN JUAN—**Jose "Cenizo" DeJesus**, 112, fought to an eight-round draw with **Cesar Acevedo**, 111.

Onasis Rivera, 144, won an eight-round decision over Nelson "Jabo" Solano, 143.

Edwin Ruiz, 132, kayoed Ramon Rodriguez in the second round.

Rafael Del Valle, 120, outpointed Hector "Rayo" Medina, over six rounds. Del Valle is 7-0.

Ivan Torres, 130, stopped Jose Tavarez, 131, in the second round.

Former junior lightweight champion Alfredo Escalera made his debut as a boxing promoter, and to assure that the show would be a success, presented himself in an exhibition against Hector Camacho. Camacho scored so effectively that the slightly perturbed Escalera removed his headguard to finish the scheduled four- rounder. Ironically, Escalera is an advocate of using head protectors for pro fights.

Attendance: 450 (estimated)
(7-20-90)

SAN JUAN—Pedrin Zorilla Coliseum—**Moises Rivera**, 142, won a hotly contested eight-round decision over **Fernando Maldonado**, 141½. Maldonado, who had not fought since his kayo loss to John-John Molina in November 1987, was the aggressor throughout the contest, but the cleaner and more effective blows were landed by the counterpunching Rivera, 10-0.

Luis Rolon, 118, stopped Julian Gonzalerz, 117½, in the sixth and final round. This was Rolon's first local start, having scored his other wins stateside. Referee Wiso Fernandez wisely called a halt as Gonzalez was on the receiving end of heavy punishment at the 2:17 mark. Rolon is 7-0.

Silverio Flores, 132, outpunched Pedro Garcia, 131, to take a six-round unanimous decision. Garcia had an early lead, but Flores outgunned him in the closing sessions.

Jose Badillo, 122, won a four-round unanimous decision over Peter Castro, 121½. Badillo is 2-0.

Eduardo Nazario, 3-0, outpointed Victor Martinez; flyweights.

Dennis Pantoja, 188½, and Francisco Guitierrez, 190, exchanged knockdowns early, but Pantoja garnered the decision.

Josue "Dickie" Camacho, 6-0, scored a fourth-round TKO over Miguel Santos; flyweights.

Carlos Hernandez, 126½, took the opener from Ivan Torres, 127.

Promoter: Howard Class, Hot Boxing Promotions
Attendance: 1,200 (estimated)
(8-4-90)

PONCE—Pachin Vicens Coliseum—This was the second time Ponce played host to a championship match. (The first time was when WBA welterweight champion Angel Espada successfully defended against Johnny Gant in 1975.)

The big surprise was the knockout WBO flyweight title win by Mexican **Isidro Perez**, 112, 48-4, over local **Angel "Cuso" Rosario**, 13-4, at 50 seconds of the 12th and final round. Ahead on all three cards at the time of the stoppage, Rosario, like Meldrick Taylor, became the victim of a last-round "Mexican Mishap." Rosario, 112, like Taylor, appeared to be on the way to a win, but elected to exchange blows in the fateful final heat. Referee Wiso Fernandez called a halt when an exhausted Rosario was being battered in a neutral corner.

In the co-feature, a junior bantamweight WBO title affair, Jose "Cheito" Ruiz, 17-2, arguably the best fighter at this weight, stopped Wilfredo Vargas, 11-1, at 2:34 of the eighth round. Vargas made it rough going with his two-fisted style, but couldn't maintain the pressure. Ruiz, who scored a first-round knockdown, remained patient. He overcame a cut over his right eye and fought in spurts. In the eighth, Ruiz gave all he had, and his attack forced referee Falu-Quinones to wisely call a halt.

In a scheduled 12-rounder for the vacant Puerto Rican welterweight title, Onasis Rivera, 8-2, scored a TKO over Juan Rosario, 9-2, at 2:24 of the sixth. Dropped by Rosario in the first heat, Rivera came back to score a knockdown in the same round. This was a punchers' duel, with Rivera carrying the heavier leather and causing referee Mariano Ramos to call a halt at the precise moment that Rosario was about to go down for a second time.

In a scheduled eight, Angel Vargas, 10-5, scored a second-round kayo over Chris Diaz, 10-5; featherweights.

Rafael Del Valle, 120, stopped Jorge Ortiz, 118, in three rounds.

Jose Marin, 2-0, stopped Edwin Ruiz, 2-2, in the first round.

An additional attraction was the honoring of Ponce native son and former light heavyweight champion Jose Torres.

Promoter: Video Deportes
Attendance: 2,500 (estimated)
(8-18-90)

Mario Rivera Martino

MEXICO

MEXICO CITY—Eduardo "Lalo" Rojas scored a sixth-round TKO over **Jose Monics** in an eight-round featherweight bout.

Genaro de la Serna registered a fifth-round TKO over Leobando Rosalos in a six-round battle of lightweights.

Alejandrino Suarez came away with a sixth- and final-round stoppage of Antonio Cortes; middleweights.

Miguel Angel Granados took a decision over Fortino Gonzalez; mini flyweights.

Federico Lara decisioned David Celis; flyweights.

Javier Meza ended a lightweight bout early when he stopped Mario Neri in the first round.
(7-4-90)

ACTOPAN—Javier Leon stopped **Hugo Partida** in the eighth round of a 10-round bantamweight bout.

Emile Sive fought to a draw with Javier Campos; featherweights.

Ignacio Aguilar scored a fifth-round kayo over Maxmino Martinez; flyweights.

Cesar Leon scored a second-round kayo over Rafael Soto; mini flyweights.

Apolinar Tolentnino stopped Humberto Martinez in the third round; strawweights.
(7-6-90)

CARDENAS—Oscar Gallegos scored a third-round TKO over **Pablito Ramos** in a 10-round super featherweight battle. The fight ended after Ramos suffered a cut over his left eyebrow.

Luis Enrique Caceras won an eight-round decision over Ronan Fernandez; super flyweights.

Nino Ruiz ended an eight-round super featherweight bout in a hurry, stopping Alberto Camacho in the first round.

Joselin Gonzalez won a six-round decision over Ulber Cortes; mini flyweights.
(7-6-90)

MEXICO CITY—Fidel "Negro" Avendano scored a fourth-round TKO over **Jesus "Chuyin" Rojas** in a 10-round lightweight contest. Avendano, 24-0 (15), dropped Rojas, 23-6-1 (18), in the third. Two knockdowns in the fourth ended the contest.

Alfredo Xeque registered a fourth-round TKO over Rafael Morales in 10-round bout between mini flyweights.

Carlos Monroy scored a third-round TKO over Manuel Cosme; featherweights.

Ivan Salazar fought to a draw with Luis Lara in a six-round flyweight bout.

Obdulio Rojas TKO'd Justo Almazan in the first round of a four-round super bantamweight bout.
(7-7-90)

TIJUANA—Javier "Changuita" Marquez scored a seventh-round TKO over **Tommy Cordova** in a 10-round featherweight bout. Marquez is the Mexican featherweight champion.

Alejandro Morfin won a 10-round decision over Rodolfo "Cobra" Gornez; super featherweights.

Rafael "Gato" Morfin won a 10-round decision over Sonny Long; super bantamweights.

Andres "Carita" Sandoval scored a second-round kayo over Robert Lewis; lightweights.

Hugo Torres won a decision over Antonio Ruiz; flyweights.
(7-9-90)

MEXICO CITY—Alanasio "Monito" Villarreal won an eight-round decision over **Daniel Pinzon**; super bantamweights.

Marcelo Nava scored a second-round TKO over Felipe Gamboa in a six-round bantamweight bout.

Martin Casilla fought to a draw with Oscar Granados; flyweights.

Felipe Castillo ended a bantamwight bout in the second round when he stopped Raymundo Rojas.

Juan Ramirez stopped Oscar Alvarado in the second round; super featherweights.

Joaquin Medellin won a decision over Ariemio Monzano; lightweights.

Eleazar Bravo registered a fourth-round TKO over Valerio Sanchez; mini flyweights.
(7-11-90)

MEXICO CITY—Miguel Angel Dominguez scored a fourth-round kayo over **Roman Nunez** in a 10-round welterweight bout. Dominguez, 35-7-2, dominated against Nunez, 33-19-1, whom he lost to in 1983. Three knockdowns were scored in the fourth. There was no three-knockdown rule, but the fight was ended anyway.

Martin Soto scored a sixth-round TKO over Martin Herra in a 10-round super featherweight bout.

Aaron Zarate scored a second-round TKO over Alfonso Martinez; lightweights.

Gerardo Garcia TKO'd Sergio Milian in the second round; mini flyweights.

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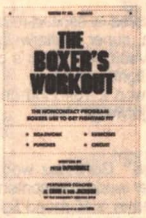

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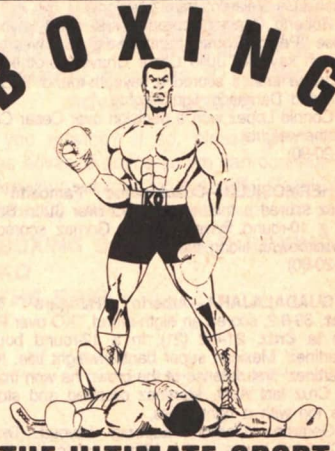

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Anicelo Almontes won a four-round decision over Mario Padilla; lightweights.
Enrique Angeles scored a fourth-round TKO over Ricardo Martinez; featherweights.
(7-14-90)

ZAPOPAN—Jorge Vaca scored a second-round TKO over **Ali Sanchez** in a super welterweight bout. Former world champion Vaca won when a cut rendered Sanchez unable to fight.
Arturo "Cuyito" Hernandez won a 10-round decision over Jorge Moreno in lightweight bout.
(7-14-90)

TIJUANA—Miguel "Jarocho" Gonzalez won a unanimous decision over former world title contender **Mario "Azabache" Martinez** in a 10-round lightweight bout. The scores were 96-95, 99-91, and 97-93. Gonzalez utilized better speed and punching accuracy.
Moises Perses scored a second-round TKO over Jorge Gomez in 10-round super lightweight contest.
Narciso "Chicho" Valenzuela scored a fourth-round TKO over Martin "Freddy" Garcia; super featherweights.
(7-16-90)

MEXICO CITY—Victor "Panterita" Peralta scored a second-round TKO over **Valentin "Manotas" Martinez** in an eight-round super bantamweight battle.
Robert Huicochea fought to a draw with Marcos Bernal; six-rounds, welterweights.
Javier Serrano won a decision over Pedro Lopez; super lightweights.
Eduardo Manano won a decision over Javier Melganejo; mini flyweights.
Roberto Avila fought to a draw with Martin Medina; featherweights.
Miguel Angel Echegaray won a decision over Rogelio Ramirez; bantamweights.
(7-18-90)

CULIACAN—Luis "Tyson" Vazquez scored a third-round TKO over **Moises Segura** in 10-round middleweight contest. Vazquez scored two knockdowns in the second before finishing his foe in the third.
Fernando "Wary" Beltran scored a second-round TKO over Jose Luis Meza; featherweights.
Oscar "Bitachi" Aguilar won a split decision over Jose Luis Velardo; mini flyweights.
Roberto Chavez scored a first-round kayo over Jose "Pepin" Torres; bantamweights. It was a one-punch kayo for Julio Cesar Chavez' brother.
Jaime Llanes scored a seventh-round TKO over Trinidad Damasco; lightweights.
Connie Lopez won a decision over Cesar Castro; featherweights.
(7-20-90)

HERMOSILLO—Cuauhtemoc "Famosito" Gomez scored a third-round TKO over **Julio Borboa** in a 10-round flyweight bout. Gomez scored five knockdowns along the way.
(7-20-90)

GUADALAJARA—Alberto "Hungaro" Martinez, 39-8-2, scored an eigth-round TKO over **Pedro de la Cruz**, 21-4-2 (21), in a 12-round bout for Martinez' Mexican super bantamweight title. It was Martinez' first defense of the crown he won from de la Cruz last April. Martinez dropped and stopped his foe with a right cross.
Gerardo "Canas" Esparza kayoed Teodoro "Chololo" Larios in the 12th round to win the vacant Jalisco state lightweight title.
Juan Carlos "Carnelio" Rodriguez scored a first-round kayo over Angel Castillo; lightweights.
Jose "Soldaditio" Rodriguez scored a fourth-round kayo over Alfredo Virgen; flyweights.
Juan Ventura won a decision over Asaid Contla; bantamweights.
(7-21-90)

MEXICO CITY—Guillermo "Memo" Cruz, 21-2, scored a third-round TKO over **Felipe "Matador" Fuentes**, 19-3-1, in 10-round super bantamweight bout. Cruz ended the fight when he caught Fuentes with a tremendous left to the chin.
Carlos "Boillo" Gonzalez scored a first-round TKO over Felipe "Tiburon" Rojas in a 10-round battle of lightweights.
Alberto Jimenez scored a third-round TKO over Esteban Rodriguez; flyweights.
Manuel Rojas won a six-round decision over Oscar Martinez; super bantamweights.
Jose Cruz scored a first-round kayo over Jose Luis Aceves; featherweights.
Max Llanos scored a first-round kayo over Mauricio Sanchez; lightweights.
(7-21-90)

TIJUANA—Jaime Montano registered a second-round TKO over **Jesus "Bebe" Gallando**, 27-3, and won the Mexican middleweight title. It was Gallando's first defense. The fight ended with a right to the jaw as Montano was being pounded.
Luis "Buki" Mora fought to a draw with Javier Varcla; 10-rounds, super lightweights.
Ramon "Bombardero" Felix scored a fifth-round TKO over Manuel Pascasio Armenta; featherweights.
(7-23-90)

MEXICO CITY—Humberto Gonzalez (not the world champion) scored a seventh-round TKO over **Cesar Delgado**; super bantamweights.
Rosalino Gonzalez scored a second-round stoppage over Moises Rodriguez; six rounds, super flyweights.
Marcos Hernandez won a four-round decision over Portirio "Cuyito" Nieves; bantamweights.
Carlos Macias won a decision over Alfredo Ramirez; super flyweights.
Jose Luis Gallindo won a decision over Fortiro Gonzalez; four-rounds, mini flyweights.
Cesar Figueroa scored a third-round TKO over Rafael Sanchez; featherweights.
(7-25-90)

PUEBLA—Omar Flores scored a 12th-round TKO over **Javier "Zorrito" Alamirano** and took the Mexican lightweight title. Alamirano, 33-3-1 (30), was cut early, and it led to the stoppage. It was the champion's first defense.
Isidro "Sid" Perez scored a first-round kayo over Antonio Herrera in a 10-round flyweight bout.
(7-28-90)

JUAREZ—Cesar "Cobrita" Soto, only 18, won a unanimous decision over former NABF flyweight champion **Willy Salazar** in a 10-round super flyweight contest. Soto, 23-2-1 (19), dominated the action. Salazar, 47-11 (35), won only the opening round.
Simon "Coloradito" Gonzalez kayoed Juan Carlos "Griego" Salazar in a 10-round super featherweight contest. Gonzalez, 17-1-1 (15), dropped Salazar, 52-7 (30), with a short left to the chin that ended the fight in the sixth.
Jesus "Chucho" Cardenas scored an eighth-round TKO over Pedro "Veneno" de la Cruz in a 10-round welterweight bout.
Rafael "Corsentido" Luevano won a decision over Jesus Alvarado; six-rounds, bantamweights.
Raul Gonzalez III kayoed Jesse Montenegro in the first round; six rounds, super lightweights.
Jorge Montoya scored a first-round kayo over Jose Estrada; six rounds, super lightweights.
(7-28-90)

MEXICO CITY—Fidel "Negro" Avendano, 25-0 (16), scored a seventh-round TKO over **Juan Garcia** in a 10-round lightweight contest. Garcia was cut over both eyes.
Miguel "Huracan" Juarez scored a 10th-round TKO over Martin Perez; super bantamweights.
Juan Carlos Ortigoza scored a seventh-round TKO over Rodolfo Santamaria; eight rounds, super bantamweights.
Jose Luis Madrid scored a fifth-round TKO over Niclas Ortiz; six rounds, lightweights.
Martin Casilas won a four-round decision over David Yepez; flyweights.
(8-17-90)

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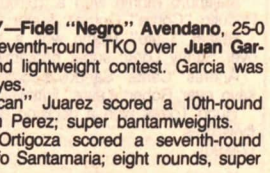

SOUTH AMERICA

ARGENTINA

RIO CUARTO, CORDOBA—Sergio Rafael Idendo, 121, won the provincial super bantamweight title with a 12-round decision over **Carlos Laciar**, 121.
(7-20-90)

POSADAS, MISIONES—Sergio "Ballitas" Rodriguez, 120, TKO'd **Raul Ojeda**, 121, in four rounds.
(7-20-90)

JUNIN—Ciclista Club—**Eduardo Contreras**, 161, outpointed **Marcelo Sanchez**, 161, over 10 rounds.
(7-20-90)

ARRECIFES—Antonio De La Cruz Perez, 145½, won a four-round technical decision over **Daniel Gonzalez**, 146.
(7-20-90)

CURUZU CUATIA—Curuzu Club—**Ernesto Sena**, 156, outpointed **Carlos Rene Monzon**, 156, over 10 rounds.
(7-20-90)

LA RIOJA—Independent Club—**Eduardo "Marvelous" Galan** outpointed **Jorge Abbade**, over 10 rounds. Abbade is the Cordoba junior welterweight champion.
(7-20-90)

BUENOS AIRES—Argentine Boxing Federation Stadium—**Juan Alberto Contreras**, 145, scored a sixth-round TKO over **Cesar Chancalay**, 145.
Cesar Domine, 128, outpointed Daniel Fernandez, 131.
(7-21-90)

CATAMARCA—Red Star Club—**Miguel Fabian Arvalo** outpointed **Carlos Dante Molina** over 10 rounds; lightweights.
(7-27-90)

LA RIOJA—Facundo Club—**Claudio Martinet** outpointed **Ricardo Vega** over 10 rounds; featherweights.
(7-27-90)

BUENOS AIRES—Argentine Boxing Federation Stadium—**Ismael Chavez**, 9-1-1, outpointed **Nicasio Caceres**, 15-14-2; lightweights.
Hector Piedrabuena TKO'd Reno Rojas in the third round; super bantamweights.
(7-28-90)

BUENOS AIRES—Argentine Boxing Federation Stadium—Former Argentine junior welterweight champion **Hugo Ariel Hernandez**, 61-3-1 (37), was awarded a third-round TKO when **Raul Roque Bianco** quit due to a leg injury.
Osvaldo Corro, 136, defeated Rodolfo Rodriguez, 134, via eight-round decision. Corro, 23-1-2 (9), is the younger brother of former middleweight champion Hugo Corro. Referee: Oscar Coronel.
Promoter: Jorge Saieg
Television: Channel 2
Attendance: 430 (estimated)
(8-2-90)

PERGAMINO—Veteran Uruguayan **Jose Maria Flores Burlon**, 189, retained the Latin American cruiserweight belt with a sixth-round TKO of **Jorge Manque**, 184.
(8-3-90)

BURZACO—Juan Carlos Ortiz, 155, decisioned **Julio Ricardo Cisneros** over 10 rounds.
Cesar Martinez, 11-2-1 (6), kayoed Hector Piedrabuena, 9-6, in seven.
(8-3-90)

DAIREAUX—Malvinas Argentinas—Former WBA junior bantamweight champion **Gustavo Ballas**, 116, easily outpointed **Luis Americo Diaz**, 116, over 10 rounds.
(8-3-90)

SALTA—South American welterweight champion **Miguel Arroyo**, 154, floored **Ernesto Sena** three times in the first round for a TKO win.
Promoter: Rafael Herrera
Attendance: 4,500 (estimated)
(8-3-90)

TRELEW—Racing Club—**Marcelo Victor Figueroa** won the International heavyweight belt with a third-round TKO over Peruvian champion **Oscar Rivadeneyra**. A cut over the eye of Rivadeneyra ended the fight. Figueroa, 19-2 (16), a strong Argentine prospect, is really a cruiserweight.
(8-3-90)

BUENOS AIRES—Juan Alberto Contreras decisioned **Julian Rodriguez** over 10 rounds; junior welterweights.
Cesar Domine, 5-0, kayoed Alberto Gauna in four

rounds; featherweights.
(8-4-90)

SAN PEDRO DE JUJUY—Former Argentine lightweight champion **Lorenzo Garcia**, who floored Johnny Bumphus in a 1984 title fight, stopped **Juan Carlos Canete** in five rounds.
(8-10-90)

MARIANO ALFONSOX—South American super flyweight champion **Ramon Retamozo** stopped **Antonio Galarza** in the third round of a non-title fight.
(8-10-90)

ARENALES—Former world junior featherweight champion **Sergio Victor Palma**, 52-5-5 (19), decisioned **Juan Domingo Nogueira** over 10 rounds. Palma injured his right hand and subsequently decided to retire.
(8-10-90)

VILLA MARIA—**Jorge Bracamonte**, ranked fifth by the WBC, won a 10-round decision over **Juan Carlos Ortiz**.
(8-10-90)

MORENO, BUENOS AIRES—Former WBC International junior middleweight champion **Ramon Gaspar Abeldano** decisioned **Marcelo Sanchez** over 10 rounds.
(8-10-90)

CULTRAL CO.—Veteran **Gustavo Ballas** drew with **Jorge Diaz**, who floored him in the ninth.
(8-10-90)

CATAMARCA—Former Argentine champion **Ruben Osvaldo Condori** decisioned Argentine super bantamweight champion **Sergio Valenzuela** in a non-title 10-rounder.
(8-10-90)

PUERTO MADRYN—**Hugo Ariel Hernandez** scored a technical decision over **Jose Saldivia**; junior welterweights.
(8-10-90)

BUENOS AIRES—Argentine Boxing Federation Stadium—**Cesar Domine**, 124, 6-0, outpointed **Pedro Contreras**, 124.
Ricardo Daniel Silva, 138, TKO'd Juan Contreras in the fifth round.
(8-10-90)

ROQUE SAENZ PENA—Former Argentine super bantamweight champion **Lucio Lopez** was outpointed by **Roberto Schonning** over 10 rounds.
(8-17-90)

TARTAGAL, SALTA—Argentine welterweight champion **Hector Hugo Vilte** kayoed **Marcelo Sasso** in the third round of a non-title bout.
Luis Rios outpointed Enrique Marquina over six rounds.
(8-17-90)

LA RIOJA—Argentine junior lightweight champion **Julio Miranda** fought to a draw with **Ricardo Vega** in a non-title bout.
(8-17-90)

GUALEGUAYCHU—Defensores del Oeste Club—**Juan Angel Ramirez**, 7-2-1, scored a 10-round decision over Argentine super flyweight champion **Ruben Batista** in a non-title fight.
(8-17-90)

SALADILLO—**Luis Maria "Boom Boom" Diez** scored a first-round TKO over **Daniel Fernandez**; lightweights.
(8-17-90)

BUENOS AIRES—**Victor Hugo Paz**, 131, 13-0-1 (5), kayoed **Roberto Apolinario Godoy**, 129, 6-3.
Fransisco Ismael Puntano, 2-3-1, drew with Roberto Ramon Real, 2-5-4.
(8-17-90)

VILLA MARIA, CORDOBA—**Sergio Meraini** decisioned **Miguel Mosca** over 12 rounds to win the Latin American light heavyweight title.
(8-19-90)

Carlos Irusta

COLOMBIA

BARRANQUILLA—Terpel Coliseum—Junior featherweight **Carlos Rocha**, El Reten, 16-0-3 (7), disposed of **Ever Morelos**, 0-11-1, with a wicked left hook in the fourth round. Rocha is a cousin of former WBA flyweight champion Fidel Bassa.
Cesar Salazar scored a fifth-round TKO over Sigfredo Garcia; junior welterweights.
Moises Pedroza, 1-0 (1), TKO'd veteran Luis Hernandez in the first; featherweights.
Localite Jorge Blanco decisioned Carlos Hernandez, Cali, over six rounds; flyweights.
Eder Gonzalez, Barranquilla, stopped challenger Jose Angulo in the third round of an action-packed fight to retain the Colombian junior welterweight title.
(7-5-90)

SINCELJO—**Miguel Julio** stopped **Rafel Valdez** in the first round.
(7-6-90)

COROZAL—Junior lightweight **Ramon Estrada** kayoed **Miguel Juilo** in the first round.
(7-13-90)

SAN ANDRES ISLAND—**William Herrera**, Cartagena, won a 10-round decision over **Jose Cassiani** to win the Colombian junior lightweight crown. Cassiani seemed ready to fall on several occasions, but found the strength to hang in.
In a battle of lightweights, Carlos Rodriguez edged cagy veteran Jose Valdez; six rounds.
Julio Lierena fought to a 10-round draw with Hernan Gutierrez; lightweights. The fans saw Gutierrez as the winner.
(7-14-90)

CARTAGENA—World-rated featherweight **Rafael Zuniga**, Colombia, 18-0-2 (12), registered a ninth-round TKO over Panamanian **Manuel Omar Mejia**. Zuniga said he had tried to hurt Mejia with uppercuts.
Adolfo Caballero won a 10-round split decision over Diosmel Amaya; middleweights.
Wilfrido Rocha, Colombia, scored a third-round TKO over Panamanian Tomas Arguelles; lightweights.
Ever Beleno, 12-0-1 (10), TKO'd Wilson Fontalvo, San Estanislado, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10; featherweights.
Freddy Gomez stopped Jesus Zambrano in the second round; junior featherweights.
Attendence: 650 (estimated)
Promoter: Cudrilatero
(7-19-90)

BARRANQUILLA—La Zona—**Jorge Eliecer Julio**, El Reten, stopped **Humberto Beleno**, Cartagena, in the first round of a schedualed 10. Juilo, 13-0 (13), was a bronze medalist at the 1988 Olympics.
Humberto Herrera outpointed Jaime Perez over four rounds; lightweights.
James Guevara won a six-round decision over Victor Molino, Barranquilla; mini flyweights.
Local lightweight Orlando Marimon outpointed Ramon Melendez over six rounds.
Fernando Caicedo, 124, defeated Jimmy Castellon, 128, via 10-round decision. Caicedo is 13-0 (8).
Cesar Salazar decisioned Jose Mena over six rounds; junior lightweights.
Eduardo Molina, Colombia, 7-1-1 (6), TKO'd Miguel Nieves, 135, Venezuela.
Attendance: 5,000 (estimated)
Promoter: Procobox
(7-28-90)

SINCELEJO—World-rated junior bantamweight **Carlos Mercado**, 20-0-1 (13), recorded a fifth-round kayo over **Toribio Riascos**.
Oscar Florez kayoed Gabriel Pava in the third round. Referee: Eliecer Benavides.
Saul Guaza, Popayan, scored a third-round TKO over Apolinar Castro, Barranquilla; flyweights. Referee: Edgar Alvarez.
Rafael Cassiani, San Basilio de Palenque, won a four-round decision over Antonio Zapa, Monteria; flyweights. Referee: Francisio Alvarez.
Miguel Munoz stopped Leonel Perez, Cartagena; junior featherweights. Referee: Luis Estrada.
The fight between featherweights Luis Zuniga and Manuel Juilo was declared a no-contest.
Localite Miguel Juilo stopped Hernando Pena in the second round; lightweights.
Rodrigo Valdez stopped Pedro Diaz in the second round; junior middleweights.
Jesus Arias scored a first-round kayo over Jose Casseres; junior welterweights. Referee: Edgar Alvarez.
William Ruiz, Monteria, was awarded a victory when Edison Martinez, Barranquilla, was disqualified for being disrespectful to the referee.
Noe Cogollo, Sincelejo, registered a sixth-round kayo over Juilo Moreno, Monteria; flyweights.

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Felix Naranjo, Sincelejo, stopped Uriel Londono in the seventh round; strawweights.

Juvenal Berrio, Sincelejo, stopped Ramiro Carvajal, Monteria, in the fourth round; bantamweights.
(8-3-90)

BARRANQUILLA—John Jarvis, 22-2 (17), retained the IBF Intercontinental super middleweight championship with a 12-round majority decision over South Africa's **Thulane "Sugar Boy" Malinga**, 31-5. The scores were 115-114, 117-111, and 117-117.

Rafael Pineda, 143, stopped Kenny Brown, 141, at 2:45 of the first round with an uppercut to the jaw. Pineda is 25-1 (22).

Jorge "Nono" Blanco won an unpopular four-round decision over Jorge Luis Tededor; mini flyweights.

Localite Simon Morales Mejia, 9-1 (6), copped a six-round decision over Daniel Ayarza; junior bantamweights.

Ignacio Bernal, outpointed Manuel Salas over 10 rounds; junior welterweights.

Omar Gonzalez stopped Luis Castellon in the second round; junior lightweights.

Jimmy Garcia, Barranquilla, 18-1 (8), TKO'd Angel Alvarez in the seventh round; featherweights.

Promoter: Cedric Kushner
Attendance: 600 (estimated)
(8-5-90)

MALAMBO ATLANTICO—Ezequiel Padilla kayoed **Isidro Tejedor** in the second round; bantamweights.

Guido Trivino stopped Carlos Hernandez in the fourth round; flyweights.

Atenor Solar, 13-2 (7), won a six-round decision over Manuel Ariza; bantamweights.

Carlos Rocha, 17-0-3 (8), scored a fifth-round kayo over Luis Berrio; junior featherweights.

Flalipe Caceres stopped Alcides Herrandez in the second round; lightweights.
(8-18-90)

MONTERIA—In his first fight since losing the WBC bantamweight title to Raul Perez in October 1988, **Miguel "Happy" Lora**, 124, floored **Emilio Aponte**, 123, three times in the third round for a TKO win. Aponte said he had been paid to throw the fight, then later retracted his claim. There will be an investigation.

Seferino Sanchez outpointed Alvaro Vesa over six rounds; flyweights.

Juan Sanchez TKO'd Jario Mercado in the second; bantamweights.

Jose Ochoa fought to a four-round draw with Juan Viloria; junior middleweights.

Pedro Salgado scored a second-round kayo over Alvaro Arteasa; junior featherweights.

William Hernandez won a six-round decision over Manuel Fuentes; featherweights.

Asdrubal Velasco, 13-0, stopped Yamil Caraballo, 8-3 (1), in the second round to win the vacant IBF Interamericas mini flyweight crown.

Gilberto Barreto, 13-3 (9), TKO'd Donald Ortesa, 12-4 (8), in the sixth round to win the vacant Colombian junior middleweight title.

Promoter: Hugo Isuaran
Attendance: 7,000 (estimated)
(8-18-90)

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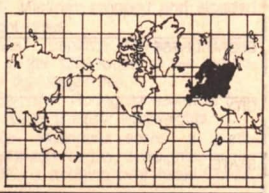

EUROPE

GERMANY

BIELEFELD—Westfalen College—International German light middleweight champion **Salvador Yanez** stopped local-based Pole **Marian Rudy** in the fourth round of a scheduled 10. Ex-German heavyweight champion Manfred Jassmann served as Rudy's second, and ex-European and German lightweight champion Willi Quatuor was Yanez' cornerman. Yanez dragged his feet in the first three frames, but a reprimand by Quatuor before the fourth brought new life, and the champion dropped Rudy with a powerful right. Rudy rose, but after he took more shots, referee Heinrich Muhmert stopped the bout.

Belgian middleweight champion Gaston Cool scored an eight-round decision over local-based Turk Niasy Aytekin.

Lightweight Rene Scharein clearly outpointed Yugoslav Raso Tigan in four; super featherweights.

Southpaw Esteban Perez, Colombia, won a four-rounder over Paul Csuti.

Promoter/Matchmaker: Olaf Schroeder
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Physician: Dr. Aloys Teuber
Attendance: 380
(8-11-90)

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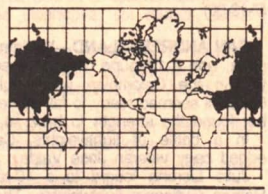

THE ORIENT

JAPAN

OSAKA—Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium—Former WBC world strawweight champion **Hiroki Ioka**, 108, looked befuddled to see that his Thai opponent was a southpaw, but completely outjabbed and outsped **Salagchit Sorchitphatana**, the TBC's top junior flyweight contender, 108, winning a lopsided decision in 10. Ioka, a lanky 5'7" speedster, dominated with ease, though he sustained a cut at the right eye, caused by an accidental butt, in round five. Ioka scored one knockdown with a left hook. Ioka is 14-2-1 (8); Sorchitphatana 10-5 (6). Ioka needs more power to beat WBA junior flyweight champion Yuh Myung Woo.

Hisashi Tokushima, the WBC's 20th-ranked flyweight, 112, had a tough time with another Thai, Kaj Chartbandit, the TBC's number-six flyweight, but won a unanimous decision in 10. The winner is 18-4-1 (8); Chartbandit 10-3 (4).

Unbeaten Akihiro Okuda, 106½, outpunched Thai Thaveelert T. Boonlert, 107, taking a unanimous nod in 10. With more power, Okuda, 12-0-3 (6), would have been able to stop his less-skilled opponent. Thaveelert is 11-3 (9).

In his tuneup prior to his scheduled crack at the Japanese junior middleweight throne, tall lefty Jiro Kashiwara, 147, looked out of shape and was outpunched by Tatsuhiro Kawabata, 146, losing a majority decision (scores of 97-93, 96-94, and 95-95) in 10. Kashiwara fell to 9-6-3 (5). Kawabata is 9-7 (5).

Promoter: Green Tsuda Promotions
Attendance: 7,000 (estimated)
(7-16-90)

NAGOYA—Nagoya City Hall—Busy puncher **Toshikazu Suzuki**, 6-1-1 (3), the JBC's number-four junior lightweight, 130, caught **Takashi Murata**, 129½, downed him along the ropes twice, and halted him at 2:37 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10. Having lost a hairline decision to Pierre Fontain in his previous bout in Tokyo, Suzuki displayed his improvement in punching in combination. Murata is 7-3-1 (6).
(7-21-90)

KITAKYUSHU CITY—West Japan General Exhibition Arena—Following the retirement of Japanese lightweight ruler Eiji Oyama, an eliminator to decide the new champion took place in this southern island. Mexican import **Donny (Escamilla) Mizoguchi**, 135, made a good start by dropping ex-champion **Takehito Nakano**, 135, in the opening round, pressed the action, and disposed of him at 2:05 of the sixth session in a scheduled 10. Nakano attempted to keep his distance from his foe's vaunted right hand. His strategy worked until he stopped his footwork. Nakano hit the deck thrice in the fatal round and was declared an automatic loser. Mizoguchi, the elder brother of featherweight campaigner Jose (Escamilla) Yamashita, is 11-5 (9) in Japan. Nakano, 11-6 (6), will move up to the junior welterweight division.

Yoshihiro Ichiyanagi, 125¾, eked out a hairline majority nod over Takashi Yokozeki, 125¾, in eight. The winner is 5-7-2 (1).
(7-22-90)

KOCHI—Kochi Prefectural Gymnasium—Former Japanese flyweight champion **Yosuke Matsuoka**, 111½, dug a wicked left uppercut to the belly of **Toshihiko Tsujino**, 112, and scored a fine kayo at 1:41 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. Matsuoka was aggressive from the start. He is 18-6-3 (8); Tsujino 6-9-1 (1).

A supporting eight saw an upset, as Mitsunobu Goda, the JBC's number-five junior lightweight, 130, was halted by Koji Tamaoki, 127¼, at 1:30 of the seventh round. Goda fell to 13-5-1 (11). The victor is 10-2-2 (2).

Promoter: Nobuaki Kishi, in association with Kuroshio Boxing Gym
Attendance: 1,850
(7-24-90)

AMAGASAKI—Amagasaki City General Gymnasium—**Yoshiharu Takahashi**, 7-3-3 (3), the JBC's 10th-ranked junior featherweight, 122, survived a first-round visit to the deck, fought back hard, and dropped **Tamotsu Hattori**, 122, en route to a TKO at 2:26 of the fifth round in a scheduled eight. Hattori is 8-10-2 (2).
(7-28-90)

MITO—Mito Civil Gymnasium—In the semifinal of the WBA flyweight title bout between Yul Woo Lee and Leopard Tamakuma, **Takeshi Niibori**, 9-2-1 (6), the JBC's third-ranked junior flyweight, 111¾, kept boring in, floored Korean import **Chong Pil Kim**, 111¾, twice in both the fourth and fifth rounds, and halted him at 2:23 of the fifth in a scheduled 10. The vulnerable Kim fell to 4-4-1 (2).
(7-29-90)

TOKOY—Korakuen Hall—In not only an upset, but an emergence of a new prospect, **Masuaki Takeda**, 13-1 (3), the JBC's sixth-ranked featherweight, 129, dropped Mexican import **Jose (Escamilla) Yamashita**, the WBA's 11th-ranked contender, 129, twice en route to a lopsided decision in 10 hot heats. Yamashita, who had entered the WBA's top 12 after an upset kayo over Ryutaro Ueda last March, is 21-5-1 (18).

Shinji Takehara, 157, the JBC's seventh-ranked middleweight, 7-0 (6), TKO'd Satoshi Yokozaki, 158½, who was eighth-ranked, 5-7-2 (4), at 1:13 of the 10th and final session. Takehara, the winner of the Novice King tourney this year, barely endured Yokozaki's retaliations in the middle rounds and regained the initiative in the eighth. Referee Ukrid Sarasas saw Yokozaki so exhausted in the final round that he didn't hesitate to call a halt.

Unbeated Kenju Tezuka, the JBC's number-two junior flyweight, 108, didn't look impressive in taking a near-shutout decision over Korean Sung Kyu Kim, 109½, in 10. Tezuka, 12-0 (8), was expected to finish Kim quickly but lacked speed and accuracy in his punches. It was a boring fight. Kim fell to 6-8-3 (2).

Promoter: Kyoei Promotions
Attendance: 2,000 (estimated)
(7-30-90)

NAGOYA—Tsuyuhashi Sports Center—In his final tuneup fight before his scheduled crack at WBA bantamweight champion Luisito Espinosa on Christmas Eve, **Kiyoshi Hatanaka**, 20-1-1 (13), the WBA's third-ranked bantamweight, 119¾, was too ringwise and fast for ex-Thai champion **Chucherd Eausampan**, 120, copping a shutout decision in 10. However, it wasn't an easy fight. Eausampan occasionally scored with big rights and kept coming in despite his absorption of punishment. In the second, Hatanaka scored a knockdown. Chucherd is 9-5 (6).

Promoter: Matsuda Promotions
Attendance: 3,000 (estimated)
(8-5-90)

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Venezuelan import **Eloy Rojas**, the WBA's top featherweight contender, 127½, displayed his awesome power in stopping Korean **Bong Jun Lee**, 128, at 1:00 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. The stylish boxer-puncher outjabbed and outpunched Lee from the start, winning all the rounds before the kayo. Rojas, 19-0 (18), reportedly tied the record for the most consecutive kayos scored by a Venezuelan fighter.

Another Venezuelan import, David Griman Mendez, the WBA's second-ranked junior bantamweight, 116¼, barely took a unanimous decision over durable Korean Hyun Chul Lee, 116¼, in 10. Scoring: 100-95, 98-96, and 100-98. Griman, 11-0 (8), sustained a cut at the left eyelid, and another

gash at the left eye in the final session. Even though he won, Griman's performance was not good enough for him to be regarded as a candidate to dethrone WBA champion Khaosai Galaxy. Lee, the KBC's fifth-ranked junior bantamweight, is 7-4 (5).
Promoter: Teiken Promotions
Attendance: 1,600 (estimated)
(8-11-90)

OSAKA—Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium—**Great Kanayama**, a Korean import (AKA Dong Choon Lee), 118, battered the taller Japanese **Shinichiro Hiraiwa**, 117, and forced him to retire at the end of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Kanayama has a record of 4-1-1 (3) in Japan. Hiraiwa fell to 12-6 (5).
Promoter: Hideyuki Morikawa
Attendance: 850
(8-12-90)

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Rugged **Takeyuki Akagi**, 11-1 (7), the WBC's sixth-ranked featherweight, 129, was too powerful for **Yuzo Yamauchi**, 6-4 (5), the Japanese second-ranked junior lightweight, 129, and won a shutout decision in 10. Yamauchi occasionally landed right uppercuts and crosses, but Akagi controlled the fight with his superior power in close quarters. Takeyuki dropped Yamauchi with a straight right in the first round, and again in the eighth.
Sensational Filipino prospect Ala Villamor, the WBC's 12th-ranked strawweight, 106, 13-0 (12), kayoed Korean Hae Suk Kwon, 106, with vicious body shots at 2:52 of the second round in a scheduled 10. Villamor, 19, is today's best Filipino prospect. He displayed good balance and fine accuracy. If the Filipino grows, he will be a big threat to the WBA or WBC champions of the future. Kwon, the KBC's 10th-ranked junior flyweight, fell to 9-4 (1).
Douglas Ryuma, the JBC's fifth-ranked junior welterweight, 143½, withstood the vaunted opening attacks of Toshihiro Suda, 145, dropped him twice in both the fifth and sixth sessions, and finished him at 2:50 of the sixth round in a supporting 10. Ryuma is 12-5 (6); Suda 7-3 (6).
Promoter: Shin Nihon Kimura Promotions
Attendance: 2,800 (estimated)
(8-13-90)

OSAKA—Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium—Having tasted an unexpected kayo defeat, Filipino prospect **Boy Dignos**, 102½, showed his boxing skill in copping a lopsided unanimous decision over Thai **Asawin Sakmaytee**, 105, in 10. In the first round, Dignos, 2-1 (1) in Japan, floored the Thai with a well-timed straight right, and Asawin dropped the Filipino with a southpaw right hook.
Promoter: Rakusui Promotions
Attendance: 850 (estimated)
(8-13-90)

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Japanese middleweight champion **Takehito Saijo**, 158, maintained his aggressiveness despite the sly tactics of **Takeshi Yamato**, 160, and won a unanimous 10-round decision to retain the title for the third time. Yamato, 8-5-2 (4), an ex-champion and a talented six-footer, revealed his lack of sufficient training and ran out of gas in the second half. He was penalized a point for his frequent holding in the final session. Scoring: 97-96, 97-95, and 98-95. Saijo is 12-3-2 (4).
Russian Lusran Taramov, 190, caught Mexican Ladislao Mijangos, 190, and had him down for the full count at 41 seconds of the eighth and final round. Taramov is 3-0 (3). Mijangos, a beer-barreled boxer, dipped to 20-5 (12).
Tall Soviet Alexander Miroshinichenko, the bronze medalist in the super heavyweight division at the Seoul Olympics, 231½, was awarded a unanimous decision over very short Mexican Juan Hernandez, 198, in six. It was a very boring fight. Alexander is 2-0 (1). Hernandez is reportedly 18-3 (15).
(8-20-90)

Joe Koizumi

KOREA

CHUNCHON—Chunchon Indoor Gymnasium—Ex-WBC flyweight champion **Yong Kang Kim**, 114½, looked impressive as he displayed fast jabs and one-twos, controlled the pace, and flattened Filipino **Mario Parcon**, 114½, with a fine right at 3:08 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. Having lost the WBC crown to Sot Chitalada, Kim is seeking another opportunity to fight for a world throne.
Kim engaged in this tuneup and seemed to fit in the 115-pound class. He is 21-2 (10). Parcon, the GAB's top-ranked flyweight, fell to 31-8-2 (6).
In Ho Kim, 134, became the new Korean lightweight champion as he battered defending champion Chang Yong Kim, 134¾, and scored a fine stoppage at 2:12 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. Kim is 12-9 (4). The loser is 10-4-1 (4).
Promoter: Camel Promotions
(7-7-90)

KWANGJU—Kwangju Shinyang Hotel—OPBF featherweight champion **Young Kyun Park**, 125¾, stopped ex-Thai champion **Jimmy Sithfaidang**, 126, at 1:31 of the second. It was Park's first defense. Park is 15-1-1 (9); Sithfaidang 14-5 (10).
Hi Yong Choi, the WBA's top minimumweight contender, 106¾, caught Filipino Diego Onglao, 106, with a sweeping left hook, dropped him, and floored him again to finish him at 1:41 of the second round in a scheduled 10. Choi, 8-0 (4), is waiting to challenge the winner of the WBA title fight between Bong Jun Kim and Panamanian Silverio Barcenas.
Promoter: Hyundai Promotions
(7-21-90)

ULSAN—Ulsan General Gymnasium—**Yong Kang Chang**, 146¾, seized the vacant Korean welterweight crown, earning a unanimous decision over **Sung Tae Chang**, 147, in 10. Chang is 6-1-3 (3). The loser is 8-2-1 (3).
Promoter: Camel Promotions
(7-28-90)

TUKSUM—Tuksum Heights Ground—**Keum Soo Yuh**, 109, needed just 2:09 of the first round to polish off Filipino **Sammy Tyson**, 109½, in a scheduled 10. Yuh, the KBC's fourth-ranked junior flyweight, is 12-2 (2).
Promoter: Camel Promotions
(7-28-90)

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THAILAND

BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—**Downmai Sithkodom**, the TBC's top-ranked lightweight, 136, battered ex-Thai featherweight champion **Ayuthaya**

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Sithphakamron, 134, and finished him in the fourth round in a scheduled eight. The winner is 29-6 (19).
(6-1-90)

SAMUTHPRAKAN—Sumrong Stadium—Fast-rising **Noree Jockygym**, the WBC's seventh-ranked super bantamweight, proved too sharp and accurate for Korean **Bong Choon Lee**, 124, stopping him in the third session of a scheduled 10.
(6-3-90)

BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Sakda Porpakdi**, the top Thai junior featherweight contender, 122, easily disposed of **Chaengpayak Sorsawad**, a rookie, 122, in the third round of a scheduled six. The winner is 9-2 (7).
(6-6-90)

BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Sinthup Sorthanikul**, the TBC's second-ranked bantamweight, 120, was awarded an inexplicable TKO over Filipino **Rex Rapiso**, 120, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10. Rapiso sustained a cut over the left eyebrow, but it didn't seem a serious enough gash to cause the Thai referee to stop the proceedings. Sorthanikul is 19-1 (7).
(6-7-90)

BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—Rebounding from a kayo loss to mini flyweight champion Hiyong Choi, **Kom Sorthanikul**, 107, defeated **Down Singkungthon**, 107, in six. The winner is 15-5 (5).
(6-11-90)

BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—Thai junior bantamwight champion **Sombutr Eausampan**, 117, won a unanimous decision over **Charthai Sorthanikul**, the TBC's second-ranked contender, 117, in eight. Eausampan is 21-8 (12).
(6-13-90)

BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—**Nagrub Sorphayathai**, the TBC's second-ranked bantamweight, 121, easily knocked out **Naovarit Sithseemok**, 119, in the first round of a scheduled six. The winner is 12-2 (8).
(6-15-90)

BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Terbo Sithumnuen**, the TBC's sixth-ranked flyweight, 114, easily knocked out **Kraisawad Lookpinthong**, an overmatched rookie, 113, in the fourth session of a scheduled six.
(6-17-90)

BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Pornchai Sithphrapom**, the third-ranked Thai flyweight, 112, produced an upset by stopping **Chachai Lukmingkwan**, 112, in the fourth round of a scheduled six. The winner is 18-5 (10).
(6-18-90)

BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Mongkolchai Muangsurin**, the TBC's ninth-ranked mini flyweight, 104, disposed of **Thanudech Arawan**, 105, in the fourth round of a scheduled six.
(6-19-90)

BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—Thai mini flyweight champion **Asvin Sithlukmuang**, 108, scored an impressive one-punch kayo of **Thanudech Arawan**, 105, in the first minute of a scheduled non-title six. It looked an obvious mismatch. The champion is 8-3 (5).
(6-22-90)

BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Visuth Chuvatana**, the TBC's second-ranked junior flyweight, 110, proved too strong for **Saichon Sahakarnosod**, 110, in the third session of scheduled six.
(6-24-90)

BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—An eliminator to decide the Thai junior flyweight champion took place with **Thanjai Donjadee**, 108, winning a split nod over **Salagchit Sorchitphatana**, 108, in 10. Scores: 98-97 and 98-96, for the former, and 98-97 for the latter. It wasn't a good fight. Donjadee is 20-11 (11).
(6-26-90)

BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—Former Thai bantamweight champion **Chucherd Eausampan**, 120, needed just 2:47 of the first round to demolish **Srinarong Sithseemok**, 119, in a scheduled six. The winner is 9-5 (6).
(6-27-90)

BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Vin Chuvatana**, the top-ranked Thai mini flyweight, 106, chalked up a fine kayo over **Luis Singsaunnam**, 106 in a scheduled six.
(6-28-90)

BANGKOK—In a southpaw affair, IBF mini flyweight champion **Phalan Lukmingkwan**, 16-1 (7), proved he was the better man in his rematch with former champion **Eric Chavez**, after his controversial TKO win on February 22. He dominated the fight with his aggressive style and won a lopsided decision in 12. Chavez inexplicably ran out of gas in the sixth round, and it became a onesided affair. Scoring: Komol Patanapakdee (Thailand), 118-110, Alejandro Francisco (Philippines), 118-110, and Greg Hughes (USA), 118-111.

Sing "Singchawan" Singkrungthon, 11-0 (10), the TBC's third-ranked flyweight, hit the deck from a wicked right, but retaliated with furious attacks and made Filipino Sammy Anric surrender in the fourth round of a scheduled 10. The loser turned his back and refused to fight on.
(8-15-90)

PATTAYA—WBC International strawweight champion **Asawin Sordusit**, 9-1 (6), a tall, talented southpaw, easily kept the title by dropping Filipino **Roger Gamayot** twice before referee Kazumasa Kuwata counted him out in the second round of a scheduled 12. The winner, known for the vulnerability of his chin, as well as his sharp punching, looked perfect. He outjabbed the Filipino from the start, and dropped him with a left to the button. His followup was so accurate that Gamayot went down for the count from a solid left to the stomach.

Ex-WBC strawweight champion Napa Kiatwanchai, 12-2 (6), had a narrow escape after a couple of visits to the canvas in the first session, and scored a come-from-behind TKO over Jaime Aliguin in the sixth round of a scheduled 10.

Thanomsak Sithboabay, 31-1 (16), the WBA's top-ranked junior bantamweight, chalked up a fine first-round knockout over Korean Seung Kwan Lee with a single right to the jaw in a supporting 10.
(7-27-90)

BANGKOK—**Downmai Sithkodom**, 30-6 (20), the TBC's second-ranked lightweight and ex-Thai junior featherweight champion, disposed of **Jomhot Sorthaveelert** in the opening session of a scheduled six.
(7-2-90)

BANGKOK—**Sakda Sorpakdi**, 10-2 (8), the TBC's top-ranked junior featherweight, stopped **Kongkart Sorwandee** in the first round of a scheduled six.
(7-4-90)

BANGKOK—**Dao Singkrungthon**, 8-6, the TBC's number-10 mini flyweight, scored an upset decision over **Kom Sorthanikul**, the number-seven contender, in six.
(7-5-90)

BANGKOK—**Chartchai Sorthanikul**, 10-3 (4), the TBC's second-ranked junior bantamweight, won a six-round decision over number-three contender **Maphai Narachavat**.
(7-9-90)

BANGKOK—**Vin Chuvatana**, 14-0 (9), the top-ranked Thai mini flyweight, stopped **Saengtawan Chorwikul** in the opening session of a scheduled six.
(7-12-90)

SAMUTPRAKARN—Up-and-coming Thai junior featherweight champion **Noree Jockygym**, the WBA's sixth-ranked contender, failed to stop durable Korean **Myung Han Suh**, the KBC's sixth-ranked contender, but gained a unanimous decision in 10. Jockygym is 32-8-1 (14).
(7-15-90)

BANGKOK—**Nagrub Sorthanikul**, 13-2 (9), the TBC's top-ranked bantamweight, demolished **Daensing Sistapenarong** in the first round of a scheduled six.
(7-17-90)

BANGKOK—**Thanonchit Kiatringkai**, 12-4 (8), the top-ranked Thai featherweight, pounded out a unanimous decision over **Rakchai Donjadee** in six.
(7-18-90)

BANGKOK—**Visuth Chuvatana**, 12-4 (8), the TBC's second-ranked junior flyweight, knocked out **Singsamang Sorprasertpong** in the first round of a scheduled six.
(7-19-90)

BANGKOK—**Ratana Singsamang**, the TBC's top-ranked junior lightweight, lost to **Noparatnoi Vorvarapol**, the TBC's second-ranked lightweight, for the vacant Lumpinee Stadium's lightweight championship (not the Thai national championship) in 10.
(7-24-90)

BANGKOK—**Sinthup Sorthanikul**, 20-1 (8), the TBC's second-ranked bantamweight, survived a third-round knockdown and exploded with a vicious straight right to stop Indonesian **Johanes Muhamad** in the fourth round of a scheduled 10.
(8-2-90)

BANGKOK—Thai mini flyweight champion **Asvin Sithlukmuang**, 9-3 (5), kept the crown by earning a unanimous decision over **Rojanadej Sorthaasnee** in 10. It was his first defense.
(8-9-90)

Joe Koizumi, Ryuichi Kotani, and Naris

INDONESIA

SURABAYA—**Simon Nontan** unanimously decisioned **Leonard** in eight; junior lightweights.

Hidayat won a unanimous verdict over Nanggala in eight.

Faisol Akbar won the Indonesian championship by unanimous decision over Wasisno in a mini flyweight six.

Promoter: Ingger G. Kailola
(7-22-90)

DENPASAR-BALI—**Ambrosio**, 138¾, seized the vacant Indonesian junior welterweight title by winning a unanimous decision over **Jack Papety**, 137¼, in 12.

Kentut Udiana, 158¼, won the national middleweight throne with a first-round kayo of defending champion Zeppy Kendy, 160, in a scheduled 12.

Indonesian junior middleweight champion Francisco Lisboa, 158¾, engaged in a non-title go and copped a unanimous nod over Nico Toriri, 158, in eight.

Wayan Budhawarsa, 151¼, chalked up a second-round kayo over Ricky Pontoh, 161, in a scheduled eight.

Gill Roberto Santos, 129¼, TKO'd Ripton, 132¼, in the first round.

Promoter: Herry S. Poegoeh
(7-28-90)

JAKARTA—Unbeaten **Rafael Torres**, 104½, Dominican Republic, 15-0 (4), kept the WBO mini flyweight title when he was awarded a split but well-received decision over **Jusni Ray**, 104¼, over 12 hard-fought rounds. Scoring: Mariono Soto and Aaron Kaizer (both United States), 118-112 and 115-114, respectively, for Torres, and Gordon E. Volkman (USA), 115-114 for Ray. The 27-year-old Torres, a southpaw, maintained his aggressiveness until the ninth round. It was Torres' first defense. Ray, Indonesian champion in the 105-pound class, is 17-2-4 (4).

Indonesian junior flyweight champion Azadin Anhar, 108, kept the national throne as he took a unanimous decision over Udin Baharudin, 107¾, in 12.

Promoter: Tourino Tidar
(7-31-90)

MALANG—Indonesian lightweight champion **Juhari**, 135, retained the title for the eighth time as he earned a split duke over **Abraham**, the IBC's third-ranked contender, 133½, in 12.

Little Holmes, the IBC's second-ranked junior featherweight, 120¾, drew with Junai Ramayana, 121¾, in eight.
(8-4-90)

PADANG, WEST SUMATERA—**Francisco Lisboa** successfully defended the Indonesian junior middleweight title by split verdict over **Nico Toariri** in 12. Scoring: 117-113 and 116-113 for Lisboa, and 115-114 for Toariri.

Nana Suhana scoresd a first-round knockout over Aswir Koto; flyweights.
(8-12-90)

Joe Koizumi, P. Setijadi Laksono, and Abbas Prabow

PHILIPPINES

CEBU—Cebu Coliseum—**Ramy "Kamikaze" Dumpa**, the GAB's seventh-ranked junior light-

weight, 131, continued his winning streak by gaining a unanimous decision over **Danilo Contado**, 131, in 10.

Ernie Alesna, 132¾, TKO'd Rey Pelonia, 133¼, in the sixth session of a semifinal 10.

Rommel Casal, 117¾, fought to a technical draw with Nick Ampong, 122½, in 10.

Promoter: Samson G. Gello-ani
(6-2-90)

DIGOS, DAVAO DEL SUR—Sugar Ray Mike, the GAB's third-ranked mini flyweight, 110, took a unanimous decision over **Aljoe Jaro**, 110, in 10.

Reyne Boy Inocian, 120, was awarded a technical decision over Danny Crisostomo, 120, in the eighth round of a scheduled 10.

Promoter: William Sanchez Sr.
(6-2-90)

JASAAN MIS. ORIENTAL—Rey Cogonon, the eighth-ranked Filipino bantamweight, 117, stopped **Lory Jabonga**, 118, at 2:46 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10.

Ed Lucaban, 111, was a TKO winner over Loloc Elloren, 111, in the seventh round in a scheduled 10.

Promoter: Zoe Nazarito
(6-2-90)

DAVAO DEL NORTE—Jaime Sintos, the GAB's fifth-ranked flyweight, 113, lost a unanimous decision to **Trifon Torralba**, 110½, in 10.

Ben Capagngan, 129, eked out a split nod over Boy Ligas, 132, in 10.

Nelson Cabig, the GAB's top-ranked junior bantamweight, 115, decisioned Young Rey Cascas, 113½, in 10.

Cris Galon, 105, fought to a majority draw with Leo Ramirez, 107, in 10.

Promoter: Eusebio Almario Jr.
(6-2-90)

PARANAQUE—Fernando Palad, 132½, stopped former Philippines junior lightwewight champion **Lulu Villaverde**, 131, in the 10th and final round.

Mawi Perez, 118, stopped Rex Villaverde, 117, in the fifth round.

Obet Maamo, 119, TKO'd Noel Cornelio, the GAB's ninth-rated bantamweight, 119, at 1:55 of the seventh session in a scheduled 10.

Promoter: Laura S. Elorde
(6-13-90)

DAVAO DEL NORTE—Busy campaigner **Sugar Ray Mike**, the GAB's third-ranked mini flyweight, 107, carved out a TKO over **Sammy Tyson**, 106, in the fifth round.

Danny Abella, 122, TKO'd Jun Aviles, 123, in the second round.

Jimmy Bonggot, 113, won over Lito Gonzaga, 112, in 10.

Promoter: Resurrection S. Obero
(6-16-90)

DAVAO CITY—Veteran **Dadoy Andujar**, the GAB's eighth-ranked junior bantamweight, 115¾, impressively registered a knockout over ex-Thai champion **Petchainat Donjadee**, 116, in the second round of a scheduled 10.

Jonathan Albay, the GAB's fourth-ranked bantamweight, 123, dropped a majority decision to Ramil Austria, 122, in 10.

Rodrigo "Boy" Louperez, 120, knocked out Rey Boboy Tibayan, 120, in the second round of a scheduled 10.

Francis Velasquez, 130, TKO'd Lanny Sullano, 131, in the fifth round.

Promoter: Vicente Adriano
(6-16-90)

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—Pat Bracero, 117¾, won the Philippines bantamweight title with an upset TKO over **Loremer Pontino**, 118, at 1:48 of the fourth session in a scheduled 12.

John Medina, the GAB's number-10 junior flyweight, 109, won an upset unanimous decision over Nathan Ballarda, the Filipino top contender, 108, in 10.

Arman Molina, 113, won a unanimous decision over Elson Duran, the GAB's number-nine junior flyweight, 113, in 10.

Promoter: Carlos Almirante
(6-23-90)

CEBU—Talisay Cultural Center—**Peter Cuizon**, 112, scored a unanimous decision over **Rene Cruz**, 111, in 10.

Arnold Lumando, 116, stopped Ross Canedo, 113¾, at the end of the first round.

Bonnie Salonoy, 124¾, was awarded a TKO as

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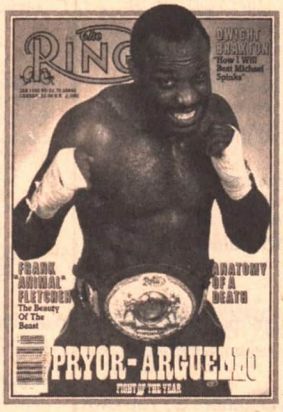

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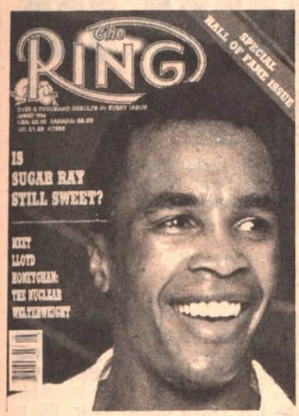

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Aug. 1988: Julio Cesar Chavez: The Kid From Culiacan. Plus: Holyfield, bad decisions, Lockridge-Knight, Starling-Breland II, Brown-Trice, Haugen-Santana.

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Feb. 1989: Julio Cesar Chavez. Plus: Chavez-Ramirez, all-time lightweight ratings, Louie Espinoza, Simon Brown, Roger Mayweather.

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his nemesis, Rolando Navares, 124, failed to answer the bell for the 10th and final round.
Promoter: Martin Enriquez Jr.
(6-24-90)

MANILA—Rizal Memorial Coliseum—Filipino junior lightweight champion **Rudy Cabiles**, 130, kept the national throne by earning a majority duke over the less experienced **Dindo Canoy**, 130, in 12. Canoy is 15-1.
Romy Navarrete, the WBC's fourth-ranked flyweight, 114, took a unanimous nod over Perras Taborat, 112, in 10.
Ric Magramo, 112, stopped Eugene Flores, 109, at 56 seconds of the first.
Promoter: Laura S. Elorde
(6-28-90)

OROQUIETA CITY—Eddie Torres, 114, won a unanimous 10-round decision over **Tata Cabanes**, 115, in 10.
Jerry Tarona, 113, won over Cal Caballan, 114, in 10.
Promoter: Rey Yabut
(6-29-90)

DIPOLOG CITY—Rochel Canete, 131, won a split verdict over **Roger Quisaba**, 131, in 10.
Dondon Perez, 125, won a technical decision over Nerio Binondo, 125, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10.
Pol Cabanes, 114, TKO'd Rolando Verzano, 114, at 2:24 of the seventh session in a scheduled 10.
Niels Signapan, 114, was a TKO victor over Romy Guindol, 114, at 2:45 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10.
Promoter: Wilfredo Balais
(6-30-90)

POLOMOLEK, SOUTH COTABATO—Rolando Protacio, 112, returned to the ring and won a unanimous nod over **Warlito Franco**, 112, in 10.
Joseph Salvador, 116, TKO'd Efren Beclar, 116, in the fourth round.
Promoter: Carmelino Buenaflor
(6-30-90)

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—Richard Acaylar, 127½, stopped former Filipino champion **Sonny Vidal**, 127½, at 1:20 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10.
Frank Domino, 132¾, TKO'd Ali Albaracin, 132¾, at 1:42 of the third round.
Rey Cogonon, 119, knocked out Bong "Hylet" Sabelina, 120¾, at 1:15 of the sixth round.
Rico Macaubos, 106¾, stopped Danny "Hylet" Eslop, 105, at 2:51 of the ninth.
Promoter: Jovencia Sato
(7-7-90)

TAGUM, DAVAO DEL NORTE—Trifon Torralba, 113, scored a unanimous decision over ex-WBC International champion **Little Baguio**, 112, in 10.
Nelson Cabig, 121, earned a majority nod over Roger Vicera, 119½, in 10.
Jimmy Banggot, 113, unanimously decisioned Rolando Valentin, 113, in 10.
Edgar Apatan, 128, scored an upset TKO over Ben Capagngan, the GAB's top junior lightweight contender, 128, in the eighth round of a scheduled 10.
Promoter: Eusebio Almario Jr.
(7-8-90)

LUTOPAN, TOLEDO—"Kamikaze" Dumpa, a fast-rising junior lightweight puncher ranked second by the GAB, 133¾, looked impressive as he knocked out **Jimmy Macalaban**, 134¾, at 2:17 of the second round in a scheduled 10.
Allan Enguito, the top-ranked national featherweight, 128½, disposed of Juanito Alfrez, 129, at 2:54 of the ninth session of a scheduled 10.
Promoter: Samson Gello-ani
(7-11-90)

CARIGARA, LEYTE—Rocky Marcial, 112¾, struggled to win a split decision over **Rene Cruz**, 112½, in 10.
Promoter: Christopher C. Aranco
(7-14-90)

DIGOS, DAVAO DEL SUR—Young Rey Cascas, 110, finally caught **Warito Franco**, 110, and stopped him in the 10th and final session.
Edwin Canencia, 118, won a unanimous verdict over Choi Millanes, 119, in 10.
Romel Lawas, 105, unanimously decisioned Rudy Idano, 105, in 10.
Promoter: Victor Quiambo
(7-14-90)

PLACER, SURIGAO DE NORTE—Welgie Leonora, 119, chalked up a TKO over **Jun Aviles**, 121, at 2:30 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10.
Promoter: Rogelio Lopez
(7-14-90)

BAGUIO CITY—Boy Masuay, the GAB's ninth-ranked junior welterweight, 134, was awarded a split nod over **Bert Pucay**, 135, in 10.
Lefty speedster Morris East, 137, TKO'd Pablo Pucay, 134, at 2:32 of the sixth round in uled 10.
Promoter: Rey Francisco
(7-14-90)

MANILA—Ninoy Aquino Stadium—Korean **Tae Jin Moon**, the WBA's seventh-ranked lightweight, 135, survived a visit to the deck and wore down ex-WBC super featherweight champion **Rolando Navarette**, 135, and stopped him in the ninth round of a scheduled 10. It was Moon's second win over Navarette.
Cris Saguid, 126, retained the national featherweight title with a 12-round unanimous decision over Joe Hiyas, 125.
Promoter: Gabriel Elorde Jr.
(7-20-90)

TAGUM, DAVAO DEL NORTE—Having beaten Cobra Ari Blanca and Tacy Macalos, **Rey Paciones**, the national junior bantamweight champion, 118, defeated Thai **Rittichai Galaxy**, 118, by unanimous decision in 10.
Rolando Pascua, the WBC's fifth-ranked junior flyweight, 113, unanimously outpointed Jimmy Bonggot, 113, in 10.
Allan Morre, 120, halted Ramil Austria, 120, in the sixth round.
Danny Abella, 123, stopped Jun Mataganas, 120, in the fourth round.
Fighting Jun, 130, outpointed Benjie Lazo, 130, over 10.
Promoter: Resurrection Obero
(7-21-90)

OZAMIS CITY—Eddie Torres, 115, and **Arnold Lumando**, 115, battled to a majority 10-round draw.
Jerry Tarona, 113, TKO'd Ed Lucaban, 113, at 2:40 of the sixth.
Edwin Projo, 113, TKO'd Flash Asesor, 113, in the sixth round.
Promoter: Rey Yabut
(7-21-90)

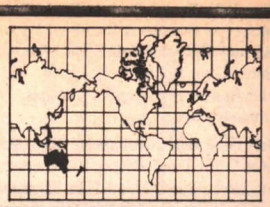
ILOILO CITY—Filipino lightweight champion Darry Boy Cabales died in a ring tragedy last May, and an eliminator to decide the new titlist was held at San Agustin Gym. **William Magahin**, 133, won a unanimous decision over **Boy Ligas**, 132, in 12 frames.
Felix Enero, 128¾, TKO'd Felix Tuble, 132, at 1:05 of the fifth session in a scheduled 10.
Promoter: Roland Magahin
(7-21-90)

DAVAO CITY—Mario Sumalinog, 122, won a unanimous nod over **Bert Navarez**, 122½, in 10.
Rey Palonia, 135, stopped Jun Pampliega, 134½, in the second round.
Rodrigo Rey Louperez, 119, stopped Andy Posadas, 124, in the sixth session.
Promoter: Victor Quiambao
(7-28-90)

MANDAUE CITY—Ernie Alesna, the GAB's eighth-ranked lightweight, 135½, was given a technical decision over **Elmer Leonard**, 143½, in 10.
Noel Tunacao, 104½, stopped Star Boy, 104, in the seventh session of a scheduled 10.
Greg Ramos, 119¾, won over Roy Llopez, 120, in 10.
Promoter: Lienne Cortes
(7-28-90)

PARANAQUE—Fernando Palad, 133½, unanimously outpointed **Roger Pilapil**, 133½, in 10.
Tiger Ari, 131, impressively stopped former Filipino junior lightweight champion Lulu Villaverde, 131, in the eighth session of a scheduled 10.
Edwin Montanez, 120, decisioned Jun Cardenal, 120, in 10.
Promoter: Laura S. Elorde
(7-31-90)

Joe Koizumi, Joaquin Henson, and GAB



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AUSTRALIA

NORTHERN TERRITORY

DARWIN—Nightcliff Hotel—**Paulo Pinto**, 137¾, easily outpointed New South Wales state junior welterweight champion **Michael King**, 138¼, over 10 rounds.
(8-3-90)

VICTORIA

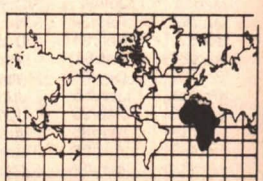
MELBOURNE—Melbourne Festival Hall—American **Mike "The Bounty" Hunter**, 213¾, stopped Australian prospect **Jimmy Thunder**, 217, with a right to the jaw in the fourth round. Referee: Malcolm Bulner.
Scott Brouwer, 135, TKO'd Darren Miller, 135, in the fifth round of a scheduled eight. Referee: Johnny Wheeler.
Chris Nicolaou, 163¼, stopped Steve Betts, 141, in the sixth round.
Danny Araneda, 124¼, stopped John Powell, 126½, in the third round.
Promoter: Don Stuchberry
Attendance: 4,500 (estimated)
(8-14-90)

QUEENSLAND

MANSFIELD—Mansfield Tavern—**Craig Petersen**, 211¾, overwhelmed **Rocky Salanoa**, 220½, New Zealand, 2-21, and captured a 10-round unanimous decision. The scores were 100-85, 100-88, and 100-84. Alan Moore refereed.
In another 10, Pat Stone, 174½, outpointed Gary Wills, 174¼, to win the vacant Queensland state light heavyweight title. The scores: 97-95, 97-93, and 96-93. Denzil Creed refereed. Soon after the fight, Stone collapsed. Doctors diagnosed heat exhaustion, but after Stone was rediagnosed at a hospital later that night, doctors discovered a blot clot on his brain. Stone died the next night.
Chris Seng, 154½, outpointed Australian junior middleweight champion Steve Peel, 152¼, over eight rounds. Cyril Cairns refereed. Scores: 80-74, 78-74, and 77-76.
Australian bantamweight champion Robert Spencer, 122¼, stopped Rupert Godard, 126¾, in the third round. Referee: Steve Scott.
Chris Schaffer, 154¼, scored a second-round kayo over Greg Liddle, 154¼. After the fight, Schaffer went to Liddle's dressing room to shake hands, but instead he was shaken when Liddle punched him. Look for a rematch.
Sean Dileen, 156¼, didn't answer the bell for round three against Paul Rees, 158¾.
Promoter: Ringside Promotions
(8-17-90)

Ray Mitchell

CORRECTION: Due to an editing error in the October issue of *The Ring*, the result of Bankstown's April 18 main event was incorrect. The correct result: New South Wales state champion Jack Johnson won a 10-round decision over Australian heavyweight champion Dean Waters in a non-title bout.



AFRICA

SOUTH AFRICA

CAPE TOWN—**Mzukis Sishinga** knocked out **Temba Ranuka** in the sixth and final round; welterweights. Ranuka collapsed after the fight and was listed in critical condition. Reports state that his condition is improving.
Promoter: King Korn-Style Promotions
Attendance: 300 (estimated)
(6-3-90)

CAPE TOWN—Temple Hall, Green Point—Junior middleweight **Fransie Gopi** scored a clear six-round decision over Vumile Faku.
Promoter: Brian Rakof
Attendance: 300 (estimated)
(6-24-90)

SPRINGS—Springs Indoor Cricket Arena—Coming off a long layoff due to injury, junior heavyweight **Bokkie Buys** looked impressive with a second-round kayo of **Weaver Qwabe** in a scheduled eight-rounder.
Transvaal junior featherweight champion Joseph White outpointed Lucky Shezi in an interesting contest over eight rounds. White didn't perform up to his usual standards.
Promoter: Thinus Strydom-World Sport Promotions
Attendance: 500 (estimated)
(7-6-90)

EAST LONDON—Orient Theatre—**Andrew Matyhila** punished **Sizakele Nkohla** for 10 rounds and scored a unanimous decision; flyweights.
Promoter: Michael Guwa
Attendance: 500 (estimated)
(7-8-90)

DURBAN—Durban Light Infantry Hall—Natal middleweight champion **Donald Ngomane** retained the title in impressive style when he kayoed challenger **Blessing Masinga** with a terrific body shot in the seventh of a scheduled 10-rounder.
Light heavyweight prospect Gary Ballard TKO'd John Dlamini in the third round when the loser's corner threw in the towel.
Promoter: Wayne Wesley-Smith
Attendance: 400 (estimated)
(7-9-90)

EAST LONDON—Gompo Hall—Former South African featherweight champion **Mathobeli Mhlope** stopped **Welile Vumsindo** in the sixth round of a scheduled 10-rounder; junior lightweights. After a slow start, Mhlope took complete control before dropping Vumsindo for the full count with a left-right to the jaw.
In a junior welterweight clash, Swenke Gomba stopped Sidwell Botha in the fourth round when Botha's corner threw in the towel.
Attendance: 600 (estimated)
(7-14-90)

SPRINGS—Springs Indoor Arena—South African middleweight champion **Charles Oosthuizen**, 24-5-2, boxing as a junior middleweight, scored an impressive 10-round decision over Mexican import **Miguel Hernandez**, 17-7.
The 27-year-old Oosthuizen controlled the fight with a good left jab, which kept the shorter Hernandez on the outside for most of the bout.
Promoter: Marcus Nkosi
Attendance: 1,100 (estimated)
(7-15-90)

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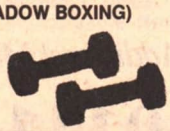

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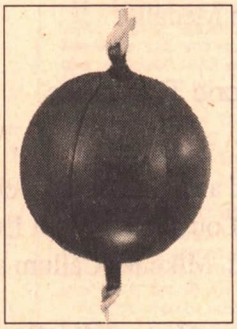

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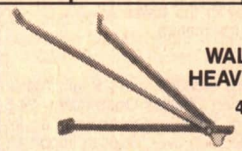

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BILL SLAYTON
(Trainer)

By Christopher Coats

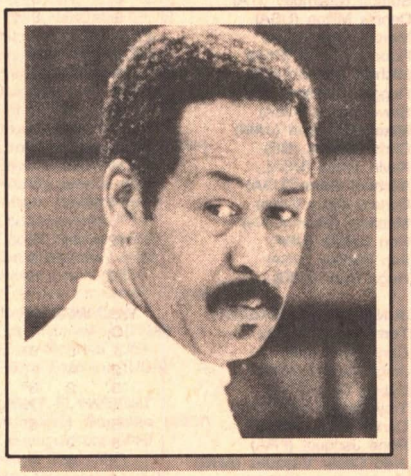
The Broadway Boxing Gym, just down from 108th Street in the heart of Watts, is seven miles from downtown Los Angeles, and Bill Slayton goes there almost every day. He finds enchantment there, his purpose, just like a teacher drawn into a classroom.

"I love being in the gym," Slayton, 67, says. "There's something about boxing gyms that never seem to change. The smell and the noise is always the same. Even the dirt and the rats never change. When you walk into a boxing gym, it's almost like time has stood still. Inside the gym it's beautiful—it's outside, on the streets, where there's problems."

Bill Slayton has a soft voice, the eyes of a soul singer, and five grown children. He supported his family working in the trucking business as a driver and foreman. He is 6'2" and in good shape, and some of his friends tease him, saying he looks like Bill Cosby.

"You marry boxing if you really love it," he says. "Men have lost their wives, their families, because they loved the sport. The most treacherous people, some of the worst dogs and bums, are in boxing, but there are also a lot of good people. My wife and I would argue over things about it. I'd spend just about every free hour at the gym, loan money to a fighter, knowing I would never get paid back. You see, boxing isn't like other sports. You fall in love with it. You fall in love with a fighter, because he's the one that takes the punches and gets hurt."

Slayton played high school football and was selected as an All-City halfback. His first memories of boxing



were as a teenager, delivered from the fists of classmates. "I had to fight twice a day sometimes," Slayton recalls. "I was the only black kid in school, and it wasn't that I wanted to fight, but if I beat some kid at lunchtime, then I'd have to deal with his brother or his friend when school was out."

For a stretch of years, Slayton drifted in and out of boxing. He fought in the amateurs, and after high school enlisted in the Army. It has been said that fate lasts forever, and while in the Army, Slayton fought Joe Louis in an exhibition bout.

"Even if I had got knocked out," he said, "it would still have been an honor."

In early-1974 came a break: Slayton was picked from a list of top trainers to work with Ken Norton. (He has also worked with Jerry Quarry and Michael Dokes, among others.) A year earlier Norton had beaten Muhammad Ali and was preparing to fight for the world heavyweight title vs. George Foreman. "I only had a month to train Ken," Slayton recalls. "It was a lost cause. I was the one that threw in the towel in the second round. Times like that are depressing. It hurts, and it takes time to get over."

There have been nights when Slayton would come back home from a fight card and sit on the couch with his head in his hands. He'd drink a few beers and stare at the ceiling.

"I always feel let down when one of my fighters loses, even if it's just a kid in the prelims," he says. "The worst thing to go through is to take a fighter to the gate, to go through all the work and all the hope, and get just an inch away from getting through the gate—and not get in. Feeling cheated is the worst thing.

"You get over everything if you want to. I've seen fighters cry after losing. In the old days, a trainer and manager would holler at their fighter. They had control of him, like they owned him. Nowadays, you can't talk to a fighter that way. I treat everyone different."

It was almost 50 years ago that Slayton got involved in the fight game—he was just another kid in the Golden Gloves, and World War II was a nightmare that was soon to become a reality.

"I really believe that things have gotten better," he says. "I've met a lot of great champions. I used to be impressed with them. They seemed important. But I don't feel that way anymore. What impresses me now is to see a kid in the prelims fight his heart out and come away with a win. That's where boxing starts, all of it. A guy that goes from the gym into the prelims with a dream." ■

Christopher Coats is a Ring correspondent based in San Francisco.

WBC WBA IBF RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
James Douglas (USA)	C	C	C
Evander Holyfield (USA)	1	1	1
Mike Tyson (USA)	2	2	2
Razor Ruddock (CAN)	3	3	3
George Foreman (USA)	4	5	8
Gary Mason (GB)	5	6	-
Tim Witherspoon (USA)	6	8	11
Alex Stewart (JAM)	7	4	5
Renaldo Snipes (USA)	8	9	10
Mark Wills (USA)	9	-	-
Ray Mercer (USA)	10	12	6
Carl Williams (USA)	12	7	4
James Smith (USA)	11	10	-
Pierre Coetzer (SA)	-	-	7
Michael Dokes (USA)	14	-	9

CRUISERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Massimiliano Duran (ITA)	C	-	-
Carlos DeLeon (PR)	1	5	-
Anaclet Wamba (FRA)	2	2	1
Nate Miller (USA)	3	3	2
Johnny Nelson (GB)	4	-	-
Derek Angol (GB)	5	4	-
Taoufik Belbouli (FRA)	6	1	-
Jose Flores Burlon (URU)	7	7	-
Olian Alexander (USA)	8	-	-
Craig Peterson (AUSTRL)	9	-	-
James Warring (USA)	10	8	11
Robert Daniels (USA)	-	C	-
Mike Hunter (USA)	-	6	7
Glenn McCrory (GB)	-	9	10
Richard Mason (USA)	11	10	3
Jeff Lampkin (USA)	-	-	C
James Pritchard (USA)	-	-	4
Siza Makhatini (SA)	-	-	5
Iby Zimmerman (CAU)	-	-	6
Bash Ali (USA)	-	12	8
Jean Chanet (FRA)	-	-	9

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Dennis Andries (GB)	C	-	-
Guy Waters (AUSTRL)	1	1	1
Bobby Czyz (USA)	2	9	3
Jeff Harding (AUSTRL)	3	6	10
Tom Collins (GB)	4	10	9
Isaias Lucero (MEX)	5	8	8
Yawe Davis (UGA)	6	-	-
David Vedder (USA)	7	4	11
Sergio Merani (ARG)	8	-	-
Booker Word (USA)	9	5	4
Eric Nicoletta (FRA)	10	2	-
Virgil Hill (USA)	-	C	-
Mike Peak (USA)	-	3	-
Mwehu Beya (ITA)	21	7	-
Charles Williams (USA)	-	-	C
James Kinchen (USA)	12	-	2
Freddie Delgado (PR)	22	-	5
Greg Everett (USA)	28	-	6
Frank Tate (USA)	13	-	7

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Ray Leonard (USA)	C	-	-
Dario Matteoni (ARG)	1	4	-
Tony Byrd (USA)	2	2	1
Mauro Galvano (ITA)	3	8	10
Ron Essett (USA)	4	6	4
Dan Schommer (USA)	5	-	-
Frank Winterstein (FRA)	6	5	9
Don Lee (USA)	7	-	-
Dan Morgan (USA)	8	7	-
Victor Cordova (PAN)	9	1	6
Paul Whittaker (USA)	10	11	-
Chris Tlozzo (FRA)	-	C	-
Juan Carlos Gimenez (PAR)	11	3	3
Thulani Malinga (SA)	-	9	5
Salvador Maciel (MEX)	-	10	-
Lindell Holmes (USA)	-	-	C
John Jarvis (USA)	-	-	2
Tony Thornton (USA)	14	-	7
Adam Garland (USA)	-	-	8

MIDDLEWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Julian Jackson (USA)	1	-	-
Herol Graham (GB)	2	2	3
Lindell Holmes (USA)	3	-	-
Sumbu Kalambay (ITA)	4	1	5
Dennis Milton (USA)	5	10	8
Merqui Sosa (USA)	6	8	-
Roberto Duran (PAN)	7	6	-
Michael Watson (GB)	8	7	6
Reggie Johnson (USA)	9	4	2
Steve Collins (USA)	10	5	-
Mike McCallum (JAM)	-	C	-
Chris Eubank (GB)	-	3	-
Kevin Watts (USA)	11	9	-
Michael Nunn (USA)	-	-	C
Donald Curry (USA)	14	-	1
Matthew Hilton (CAN)	-	-	4
Ron Collins (USA)	12	11	7
Iran Barkley (USA)	-	-	9
Hugo Corti (ARG)	19	-	10

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Terry Norris (USA)	C	-	-
Chris Pyatt (GB)	1	5	9
Jorge Castro (ARG)	2	4	-
Gilbert Dele (FRA)	3	2	3
Troy Waters (AUSTRL)	4	-	7
Carlos Elliot (JAP)	5	1	8
Rene Jacquot (FRA)	6	9	-
Julio Cesar Vasquez (ARG)	7	6	-
Quincy Taylor (USA)	8	-	-
Arthur Serwano (USA)	9	-	2
Brett Lally (USA)	10	-	11
Julian Jackson (VI)	-	C	-
Jun Suk Hwang (KOR)	15	3	-
Gregory Clark (SA)	-	7	-
Horacio Perez (COL)	13	8	-
Hugo Olivares (BOL)	-	10	-
Gianfranco Rosi (ITA)	-	-	C
Glenn Wolfe (USA)	12	-	1
Roy Jones (USA)	-	-	4
Darrin Van Horn (USA)	11	11	5
Tyrone Trice (USA)	-	-	6
Miguel Arroyo (ARG)	14	-	10

WELTERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Maurice Blocker (USA)	C	-	-
Buddy McGirt (USA)	1	2	1
Glenwood Brown (USA)	2	4	2
Marlon Starling (USA)	3	-	4
Engels Pedroza (VEN)	4	3	5
Jorge Bracamonte (ARG)	5	-	12
Mark Breland (USA)	6	5	7
Jose Bermudez (COL)	7	9	-
Kirkland Laing (ENG)	8	8	9
Genaro Leon (MEX)	9	-	12
Crisanto Espana (VEN)	10	6	-
Aaron Davis (USA)	-	C	-
Luis Garcia (VEN)	-	1	6
Meldrick Taylor (USA)	-	7	3
Simon Brown (USA)	-	-	C
Darryl Lattimore (USA)	-	-	8
Hiroyuki Yoshino (JAP)	13	10	10

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Julio Cesar Chavez (MEX)	C	-	C
Kyung Duk Ahn (KOR)	1	4	-
Meldrick Taylor (USA)	2	-	-
Roger Mayweather (USA)	3	5	4
Angel Hernandez (PR)	4	2	-
Alberto Cortes (ARG)	5	-	-
Juan M. Coggi (ARG)	6	3	8
Sammy Fuentes (PR)	7	-	-
Efren Calamati (ITA)	8	-	-
Harold Brazier (USA)	9	-	5
Primo Ramos (MEX)	10	-	-
Loreto Garza (USA)	-	C	-
Akinobu Hiranaka (JAP)	-	1	-
Edwin Rosario (PR)	18	6	-
Rafael Pineda (COL)	11	7	2
Mun Sil Chi (KOR)	15	8	-
John Meekins (USA)	17	9	11
Pat Barrett (ENG)	12	10	10
Louie Lomeli (USA)	25	-	1
Charles Murray (USA)	21	-	3
Rodney Moore (USA)	19	12	6
Vinny Pazienza (USA)	14	-	7
Terrence Alli (GUY)	16	-	9

LIGHTWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Pernell Whitaker (USA)	C	C	C
Chil Sung Chun (KOR)	1	3	-
Poli Diaz (SPA)	2	1	3
Tracy Spann (USA)	3	2	1
Darryl Tyson (USA)	4	7	4
Anthony Jones (USA)	5	10	-
Freddie Pendleton (USA)	6	-	2
Fabian Tejeda (ARG)	7	11	11
Carl Crook (GB)	8	-	-
Sharmba Mitchell (USA)	9	-	-
Tae Jin Moon (KOR)	10	9	-
Primo Ramos (MEX)	-	4	5
Juan Nazario (PR)	18	5	6
Iwao Otomo (JAP)	11	8	-
William Rojas (VEN)	-	6	-
Eduardo Molina (COL)	25	-	7
John Duplessis (USA)	-	-	8
Edwin Rosario (PR)	-	-	9
Greg Haugen (USA)	-	-	10

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Azumah Nelson (GHA)	C	-	-
Jeff Fenech (AUSTRL)	1	-	-
Juan LaPorte (PR)	2	-	-
Genaro Hernandez (USA)	3	2	-
Frankie Mitchell (USA)	4	4	8
Bernard Taylor (USA)	5	11	6
Tyrone Downes (TRIN)	6	-	-
Jim McDonnell (GB)	7	12	11
John-John Molina (USA)	8	-	1
Pedro Gutierrez (ARG)	9	-	-
Hengky Gun (INDO)	10	5	-
Brian Mitchell (SA)	-	C	-
Anibal Nieves (VEN)	16	1	-
Joey Gamache (USA)	12	3	7
Jackie Beard (USA)	-	6	-
Wilson Palacios (COL)	-	7	-
Daniel Londas (FRA)	-	8	-
Renato Cornett (AUSTRL)	11	9	4
Joey Jacobs (USA)	-	10	-
Tony Lopez (USA)	-	-	C
Jorge Ramirez (MEX)	25	-	2
Fernando Caicedo (COL)	-	-	3
Jose Sanabria (VEN)	-	-	5
Calvin Grove (USA)	23	-	9
Jerry Ngobeni (SA)	-	-	10

FEATHERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Marcos Villasana (MEX)	C	-	-
Paul Hodkinson (GB)	1	5	10
Ricardo Cepeda (USA)	2	2	3
Javier Marquez (MEX)	3	-	-
Louie Espinoza (USA)	4	-	7
Yung Kyun Park (KOR)	5	3	-
Rafael Zuniga (COL)	6	6	5
Takeyuki Akagi (JAP)	7	-	-
Seiji Asakawa (JAP)	8	8	-
Eloy Rojas (VEN)	9	1	-
Ever Beleno (COL)	10	-	-
Antonio Esparragoza (VEN)	-	C	-
Jackie Gunguluza (SA)	-	4	-
Alfred Rangel (USA)	11	7	4
Harold Warren (USA)	-	9	-
Jose Sanabria (VEN)	24	10	-
Jorge Paez (MEX)	-	-	C

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IBF as of September

Myron Taylor (USA)	15	-	1
Troy Dorsey (USA)	13	-	2
Lupe Gutierrez (USA)	17	-	6
Manuel Medina (MEX)	-	-	8
Steve McCrory (USA)	-	-	9

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Paul Banke (USA)	C	-	-
Pedro Decima (ARG)	1	10	5
Tracy Patterson (USA)	2	6	4
Jesse Benavides (USA)	3	4	2
Daniel Zaragoza (MEX)	4	-	-
Chan Young Park (KOR)	5	-	-
Jesus Salud (USA)	6	-	-
Ki Jun Lee (KOR)	7	-	-
Noree Jockygym (THAI)	8	5	-
Arcelio Diaz (COL)	9	8	7
Jae Won Choi (KOR)	10	-	-
Luis Mendoza (COL)	15	1	-
Ruben Palacios (COL)	14	2	-
Carlos Uribe (CHILE)	12	3	-
Chang Kyun Oh (KOR)	-	7	-
Fabrice Benichou (FRA)	-	9	3
Welcome Ncita (SA)	-	-	C
Baby Rojas (USA)	18	-	1
Gerardo Lopez (PAN)	-	-	6
Joe Orewa (USA)	16	12	8
Hurley Snead (USA)	-	-	9
Miguel Arrozal (PHIL)	-	-	10

BANTAMWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Raul Perez (MEX)	C	-	-
Pepillo Valdez (MEX)	1	2	2
Changuito Carmona (MEX)	2	-	-
Chang Kyun Oh (KOR)	3	-	-
Kiyoshi Hatanaka (JAP)	4	3	5
Yong Hoon Lee (KOR)	5	4	-
Greg Richardson (USA)	6	8	4
Eun Sik Lee (KOR)	7	6	-
Gerardo Martinez (USA)	8	-	-
Bernardo Mendoza (CHILE)	9	-	-
Billy Hardy (GB)	10	-	1
Luisito Espinosa (PHI)	-	C	-
Thanomsak Sithbaobay (THAI)	-	1	-
Eliecher Julio (COL)	-	5	-
Hurley Snead (USA)	13	7	-
Paul Gonzalez (USA)	-	9	-
Abraham Torres (VEN)	-	10	-
Orlando Canizales (USA)	-	-	C
Duke McKenzie (GB)	16	-	3
Vincenzo Belcastro (ITA)	17	12	6
Eddie Rangel (USA)	-	-	7
Juvenal Berrio (COL)	28	-	8
Ray Minus (BAH)	-	-	9
Francisco Alvarez (COL)	21	-	10

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Sung Kil Moon (KOR)	C	-	-
Nana Konadu (GHA)	1	-	-
Thanomsak Sithbaobey (THAI)	2	-	-
Kid Akeem (NIG)	3	5	10
Elvis Alvarez (COL)	4	-	-
Rey Paciones (PHI)	5	3	2
David Griman (VEN)	6	1	-
Santos Laciar (ARG)	7	-	-
Shunichi Nakajima (JAP)	8	7	11
Johnny Tapia (USA)	9	11	6
Carlos Mercado (COL)	10	10	1
Khaosai Galaxy (THAI)	-	C	-
Kenji Matsumura (JAP)	14	2	-
Ernesto Ford (PAN)	16	4	-
Young Kang Kim (KOR)	-	6	-
Katsuya Onizuka (JAP)	17	8	-
William Ramos (PR)	-	9	-
Robert Quiroga (USA)	-	-	C
Juan Polo (COL)	15	-	3
Daorung Chuvatana (THAI)	-	-	4
Sitoshi Shingaki (JAP)	-	-	5
Vuyani Nene (SA)	-	-	7
Peter Mitrevski (AUSTRL)	-	-	8
Victor Rabaneles (MEX)	-	-	9

FLYWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Sot Chitalada (THAI)	C	-	-
Richard Clarke (JAM)	1	-	2
Jung Koo Chang (KOR)	2	-	-
Yong Kang Kim (KOR)	3	-	-
Romy Navarette (PHIL)	4	7	10
Yun Un Chin (KOR)	5	6	-
Yul Woo Lee (KOR)	6	5	-
Francisco Tejedor (COL)	7	-	-
Jae Suk Park (KOR)	8	8	-
Pat Clinton (GB)	9	-	-
Jesus Rojas (VEN)	10	2	-
Leopard Tamakuma (JAP)	-	C	-
Elvis Alvarez (COL)	-	1	-
Rodolfo Blanco (COL)	15	3	1
Kotaro Hayashi (JAP)	-	4	-
Dodi Penalosa (PHI)	13	9	3
Carlos Salazar (USA)	11	10	-
Dave McAuley (IRE)	-	-	C
Javier Lucas (MEX)	-	-	4
Tongchai Kittikasem (THAI)	-	-	5
Joe Kelly (GB)	-	-	6
Ole Kietoneway (THAI)	-	-	7
Ricky Romero (USA)	12	-	8
Pedro Feliciano (USA)	-	-	9

LIGHT FLYWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Humberto Gonzalez (MEX)	C	-	-
Domingo Sosa (DR)	1	-	2
Hiroki Ioka (JAP)	2	2	4
Rey Hernandez (MEX)	3	-	-
Rolando Pascua (PHIL)	4	12	-
Nam Hoon Cha (KOR)	5	5	-
Leon Salazar (PAN)	6	4	1
Jeung Keun Lim (KOR)	7	8	-
Jorge Rivera (MEX)	8	-	9
Katzumi Komiyama (JAP)	9	-	-
Santiago Mendez (MEX)	10	-	-
Yuh Myung Woo (KOR)	-	C	-
Leo Gamez (VEN)	11	1	5
Kajkong Danphoothai (THAI)	-	3	-
Hector Patri (ARG)	-	6	-
Muangchai Kittikasem (THAI)	12	7	6
Francisco Tejedor (COL)	-	9	-
Luis Paredes (CHILE)	-	10	-
Michael Carbajal (USA)	-	-	C
Ysaias Zamudio (USA)	-	-	3
Raul Rios (MEX)	22	-	7
Tacy Macalos (PHIL)	-	-	8
Robinson Cuestas (PAN)	-	-	10

STRAWWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Hideyuki Ohashi (JAP)	C	-	-
Kyung Yung Lee (KOR)	1	-	-
Pretty Boy Lucas (PHIL)	2	2	1
Hector Patri (ARG)	3	-	6
Ricardo Lopez (MEX)	4	10	2
Chana Porpaoin (THAI)	5	3	8
Hi Yong Choi (KOR)	6	1	-
Jeum Hwan Choi (KOR)	7	-	-
Napa Kiatwanchai (THAI)	8	-	-
Silverio Barcenas (PAN)	9	6	-
Chairith Kongudom (THAI)	10	-	-
Bong Jun Kim (KOR)	-	C	-
Katsumi Komiyama (JAP)	-	4	-
Joo Sup Shin (KOR)	27	5	-
Carlos Rodriguez (VEN)	-	7	-
Kimio Hirano (JAP)	-	8	-
Danny Nunez (DR)	26	9	-
Far Lan Lookmingkwan (THAI)	-	-	C
Rocky Lim (JAP)	24	12	3
Ala Villamor (PHIL)	12	-	4
Felix Naranjo (COL)	-	-	5
Eric Chavez (PHIL)	29	-	7
Abdi Pohan (INDO)	-	-	9
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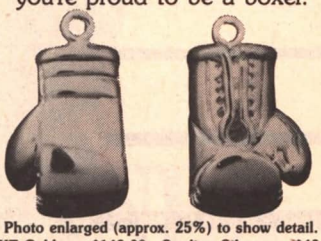

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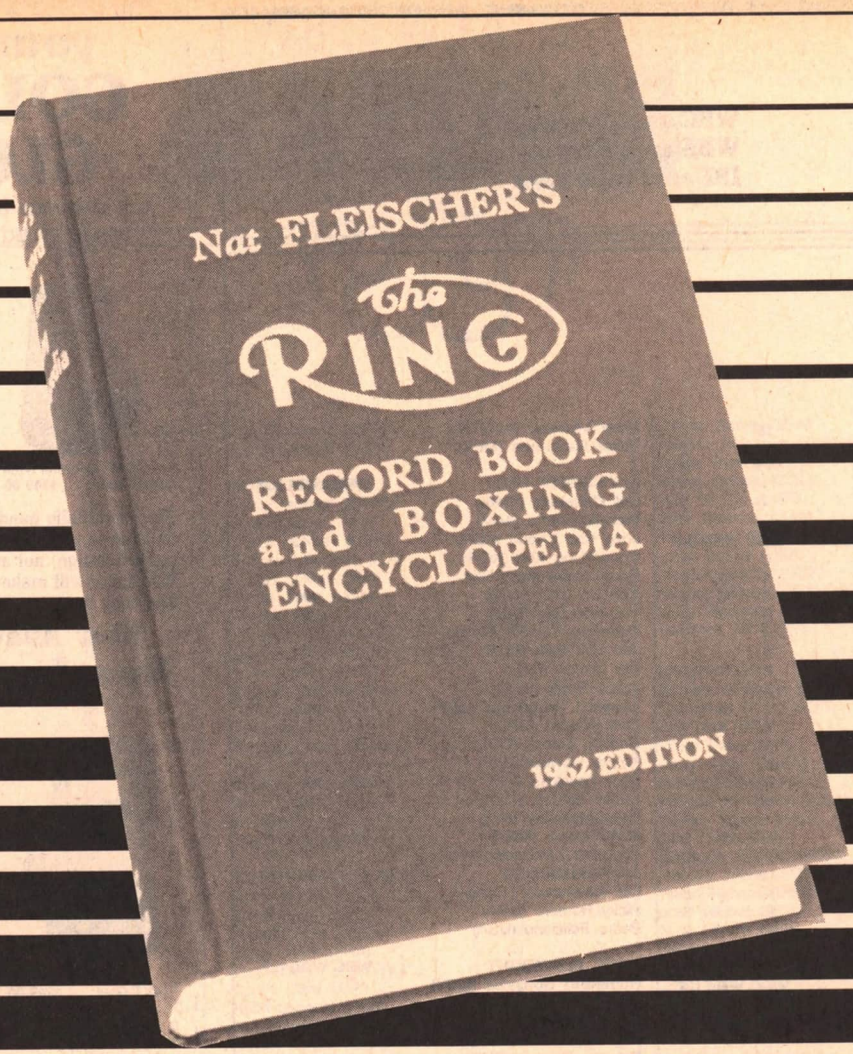

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RING CLASSIC

ROCKY'S TITLE-WINNER EASILY FIGHT OF YEAR

From The Ring, February 1953

By Daniel M. Daniel

Just as Rocky Marciano, through his 13-round knockout triumph over Jersey Joe Walcott at Philadelphia on September 23, clinched the Fighter of the Year citation of *The Ring* by a wide margin, so did that memorable battle in the vast Municipal Stadium stand out stridently as the Fight of the Year. And just as emphatically did the last round of that struggle gain the distinction of being the Round of the Year.

Thus did Marciano wrap up a formidable package of laurels with the right hand which laid Walcott low, and left the Brockton Bruiser the champion of the world.

In the allotment of Fight of the Year distinctions, second place must go to the dramatic scrap in which Kid Gavilan, of Cuba, successfully defended the welterweight crown against Gil Turner, of Philadelphia, in the same ring which was to see Marciano win the title. Turner ran out of gas in the 11th round on that hot July night, but for 10 sessions he gave the Hawk a torrid time.

Heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano, the easy choice for 1952's Fighter of the Year, is congratulated after his one-punch kayo of Jersey Joe Walcott in Philadelphia. Looking over the Rock's left shoulder is handler Freddy Brown, and clinging to the new titlist is trainer Charlie Goldman (with glasses).

The number three choice among the Fights of the Year goes to the November 15 all-too-brief affair at Johannesburg, South Africa, in which Jimmy Carruthers, of Australia, knocked out Vic Toweel, local hero, in the first round. Carruthers made himself the bantamweight champion of the world, the first Australian to get a world title.

The number four fight was that in which Marciano knocked out Harry Matthews in the second round in Yankee Stadium, as a prelude to the victory over Walcott.

The number five designation goes to the return contest between Jimmy Carter and Lauro Salas, in which Carter regained the lightweight championship from Salas. This was no truly spectacular fight, but it was well-contested, well-conceived by the winner, and important.

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There were 40,379 onlookers in the Municipal Stadium,

on the fringe of Philadelphia, where Gene Tunney had taken the title from Jack Dempsey, when Marciano and Walcott responded to the opening bell. The receipts were $504,645, not exactly formidable financially, but terrific for a young man from Brockton who never had seen so gorgeous a vista.

Charley Daggert was the referee, and Pete Tomasco and Zack Clayton were the judges.

As round followed round, Tomasco and Clayton took on greater and greater importance. It looked as if they would have to hand down the big decision.

However, with Daggert's card showing only four rounds for Marciano, one even, and seven for Walcott, with Tomasco's displaying a seven-to-five score against the challenger, and with Clayton's giving Jersey Joe eight rounds, Marciano took the matter very much in his own hands. He crashed a right to the jaw, and the scoresheets were torn up.

Once upon a time, the question as to whether a white man or a Negro was the heavyweight champion was considered very important by many followers of boxing. When Jack Johnson knocked out Jim Jeffries at Reno on July 4, 1910, the result was regarded as significant in racial supremacy. There were riots in Chicago and New York.

When Marciano knocked out Walcott, the fact that a Caucasian had regained the title, which had been held by Negro boxers since Joe Louis stopped Jimmy Braddock in Chicago in 1937, rated just one sentence in newspaper accounts. That's how it should be.

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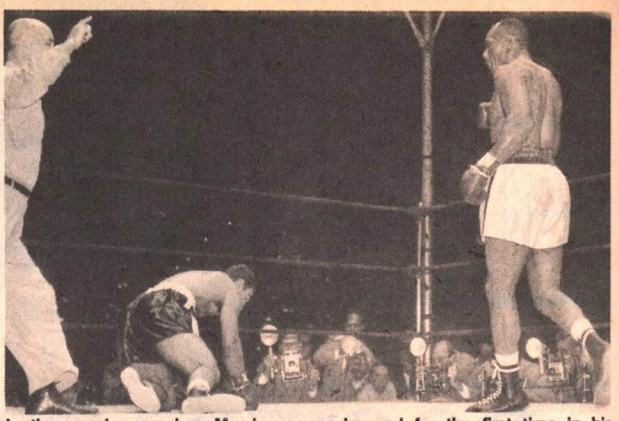
That the fight between the favored, hard-hitting, but as yet unpolished Marciano and the wily, crafty, over-40 trouper Walcott would be dramatic, was a certainty before a glove had landed that September night in Philadelphia.

That the struggle would go into the history of the heavyweight class as one of the most viciously fought, determinedly contested, and thrillingly pulse-quickening combats since John L. Sullivan's heyday, became certain before the sixth round had unfolded itself.

Marciano fought his way to the title after having suffered the only knockdown of his career in the very first round. Never before in 42 fights had Rocky been floored, and he



In the opening session, Marciano was dropped for the first time in his career. He recovered quickly and attacked for the remainder of the round. As it turned out, that opening-round opportunity would be Walcott's best chance for victory.

took this untoward incident as a direct personal insult. Up at three, he rallied strongly, swarmed all over Walcott, and doggedly went on to win the title.

Marciano's ability to rise from that knockdown gave Walcott a vital blow in his morale, in his confidence. A blow not quite so powerful had knocked out Ezzard Charles and given the title to Jersey Joe. But Walcott's Sunday punch was thrown off by Rocky as if it had been some chance blow in a training workout.

Marciano's trip to the canvas was the only knockdown of the fight until Walcott was beaten in the 13th. But the battle certainly did not lack trenchant, vibrant vitality at any phase. Nor did Rocky emerge unscathed. He bled from a cut on the crown of his head, suffered in a head to head collision with Joe in the merry sixth round. Marciano also had a cut right eye and a puffed left eye. The loser got a bad gash over his left eye.

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Walcott fought a well-planned battle. Those who had jumped at the 8-5 odds in favor of the challenger had done so with confidence that the aging Joe would not be able to navigate much beyond the eighth.

They believed that Walcott's legs would give out. But it

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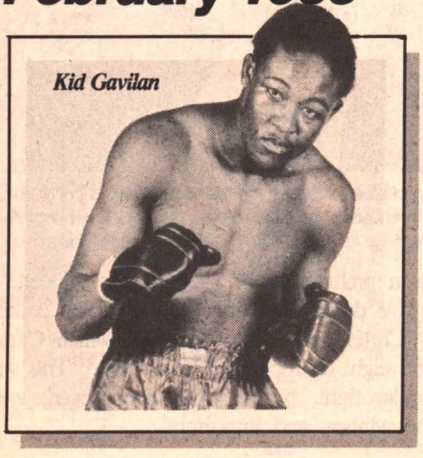

Kid Gavilan

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World Champ: **Rocky Marciano**, Brockton, MA

1. **Jersey Joe Walcott**, Camden, NJ
2. **Ezzard Charles**, Cincinnati, OH
3. **Rex Layne**, Salt Lake City, UT
4. **Roland LaStarza**, New York, NY
5. **Jimmy Bivins**, Cleveland, OH
6. **Clarence Henry**, Los Angeles, CA
7. **Coley Wallace**, New York, NY
8. **Johnny Williams**, England
9. **Heinz Neuhaus**, Germany
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World Champ: **Archie Moore**, San Diego, CA

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2. **Harold Johnson**, Philadelphia, PA
3. **Harry Matthews**, Seattle, WA
4. **Yolande Pompey**, Trinidad
5. **Danny Nardico**, Tampa, FL
6. **Tommy Harrison**, Los Angeles, CA
7. **Jimmy Slade**, New York, NY
8. **Rocky Jones**, Chester, PA
9. **Jake LaMotta**, New York, NY
10. **Randolph Turpin**, England

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2. **Carl (Bobo) Olson**, Hawaii
3. **Charley Humez**, France
4. **Ernie Durando**, Bayonne, NJ
5. **Rocky Castellani**, Luzerne, PA
6. **Lee Sala**, Donora, PA
7. **Norman Hayes**, Boston, MA
8. **Eugene Hairston**, New York, NY
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2. **Johnny Bratton**, Chicago, IL
3. **Joe Miceli**, New York, NY
4. **Gil Turner**, Philadelphia, PA
5. **Chuck Davey**, Chicago, IL
6. **Billy Graham**, New York, NY
7. **Johnny Saxton**, New York, NY
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wasn't because of his legs that Joe failed. That he tired is certain. His years finally caught up with him. But right up to the end, those old pins of his served him well. And so did his courage and determination. So did his finesse and his ring generalship, against a much younger battler who, by comparison, was a very tyro. It was his greatest battle.

But Marciano had Youth, Power, the Consummate Punch, and these paid off handsomely.

As the fight got underway, Walcott missed with a long left. They clinched. Then Joe rapped a right to the head, followed with lefts and rights to the jaw, which threw the crowd into a bedlam and made the champion's supporters feel that this fight would see no second round.

A left hook to the jaw sent Marciano down, and when he arose at three, he was wilder than ever. Wild and, it seemed, panicky.

A short left to the mouth hurt Rocky and he bled. Over his left eye, a welt appeared.

The sharp attack did not deter Rocco, nor did it make him cautious. He hooked a left to the body, then ripped right and left to the head, and now, as the bell rang, Marciano's adherents were making the welkin ring. It was mostly through relief. Marciano had had a rough baptism under championship fire.

Marciano's supporters felt he had taken the initiative away from Joe in the second round. Referee Daggert scored it for Rocky, but the two judges gave it to Walcott. Marciano hooked a left to the jaw just as the session ended, and it hurt.

According to Daggert, Walcott won the third, but the two judges gave it to Marciano, and he deserved it. At the finish, Joe almost hit the deck from a left and a right to the head. Marciano's dogged, bull-like attack at close quarters began to get in its wearing effect in this round.

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Marciano got the fourth round, chiefly by staying in close and hammering away, as per instructions from Charley Goldman and Al Weill. In alloting laurels for the rise of the new champion, Charley, in particular, cannot be ignored. A more clever ring technician and planner hasn't been around.

Perhaps the most famous punch in ring history was this right hand, which grotesquely contorted Walcott's facial features. Historians who have studied the film of the fight concluded that this was *not* the kayo blow.

There was no question as to which of the combatants had the better of the fifth round. Marciano had it all the way. He kept tearing in, and had Joe backing away. Rocky got the sixth session, as well.

As the sixth round started, Marciano came very close to landing a highly damaging blow. He ripped a right to the jaw. The punch grazed Walcott's noggin. Had he taken it full, the battle might have ended then and there.

Marciano then hammered a right to the body and got a right to the head in return. Rocco then rushed Joe to the ropes and missed a left hook by a cat's whisker.

Rocky walloped his man in close, and while he missed often at the longer range, got in a lot of damaging blows. One of the judges scored this round for Walcott. Daggert and Tomasco gave it to Marciano.

The seventh round belonged to Walcott. So did the eighth. The ninth saw Marciano earn a shade.

Before the ninth round, there was an official protest from Weill to the referee. Marciano's manager said that a rubbing liquid which was being used on Walcott between rounds was affecting Marciano's eyes.

Marciano won the ninth round, but had to take a draw for the 10th. In the 11th round, Walcott's superior boxing skills stood out to a marked degree. Joe hurt his man with a hard

LIGHTWEIGHTS

World Champ: **James Carter**, New York, NY

1. **Johnny Gonsalves**, Oakland, CA
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FEATHERWEIGHTS

World Champ: **Sandy Saddler** (U.S. Army)

1. **Ray Famechon**, France
2. **Tommy Collins**, Boston, MA
3. **Willie Pep**, Hartford, CT
4. **Percy Bassett**, Philadelphia, PA
5. **Luis Romero**, Spain
6. **Teddy Davis**, Hartford, CT
7. **Glen Flanagan**, St. Paul, MN
8. **Gene Smith**, Washington, D.C.
9. **Charley Riley**, St. Louis, MO
10. **Fabela Chavez**, Los Angeles, CA

BANTAMWEIGHTS

World Champ: **Jimmy Carruthers**, Australia

1. **Robert Cohen**, France
2. **Maurice Sandyron**, France
3. **Jean Sneyers**, Belgium
4. **Henry (Pappy) Gault**, Spartanburg, SC
5. **Robert Cohen**, France
6. **Gianni Zuddas**, Italy
7. **Gaetano Annaloro**, Italy
8. **Peter Keenan**, Scotland
9. **Frankie Williams**, England
10. **Eddie Ojeda**, Mexico

FLYWEIGHTS

World Champ: **Yoshio Shirai**, Japan

1. **Jake Tuli**, South Africa
2. **Dado Marino**, Honolulu, HI
3. **Terry Allen**, England
4. **Joe Cairney**, Scotland
5. **Vic Herman**, Scotland
6. **Terry Gardner**, England
7. **Jimmy Pearce**, England
8. **Taffy Hancock**, England
9. **Young Martin**, Spain
10. **Tanny Campo**, Philippines

right to the heart and then staggered him with rights and lefts to the head. At the bell, Rocco showed a cut over his right eye.

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As the 12th round opened, Marciano shot a left to the body. He missed with a left hook for the jaw. He missed again. Then he landed a right to the body. However, Walcott twice shoved his left into the Brockton Buster's face.

Marciano then dug a right into the body but did nothing more than graze Joe's face with a left. Joe was taking a lot of punishment, but he also was dishing it out. There was no doubt that, as the bell ended the 12th, he had the round, and barring a knockout, or an amazing scientific flareup by Rocco in the last three rounds, Joe also had the decision.

At the bell in the 13th, Marciano rushed to the attack, half-crouched. Walcott became cautious. He had the fight. Why take chances?

Walcott kept backing and pecking and pawing with both gloves. Joe circled around. Marciano rushed him, and with left and right, drove his man to the ropes.

Marciano launched a left for the head, but Joe blocked it. Rocky shot a left for the body, but this, too, was parried.

Here Walcott swayed slightly. His left arm was down. His shoulder was down. Here was the opening. Marciano responded with a right, and the fight was over.

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The crafty Walcott made just two big mistakes in the entire prize fight. His first error came in the opening round. After he had floored Marciano, he turned his back on him. Joe must have felt certain that Marciano would take a count of nine. In any event, Rocky was up at three and Walcott lost several seconds by failure to face his quarry, and be prepared for a furious followup.

Joe's second and fatal error was leaving that opening for Marciano's finisher.

Walcott went into the fight confronted with the likelihood that he would have to go the 15 rounds to win. Marciano knew that he had to tag Joe just once, but good. And he did.

The Rocky Marciano knockout of Walcott stands out as, by far, the greatest achievement for 1952.

Now we face 1953, and a return fight. Will that, too, make itself the Battle of the Year?

The chances are that Walcott turned in his supreme performance on September 23, 1952, and that Marciano will finish his much older rival before the 13th in their second engagement.

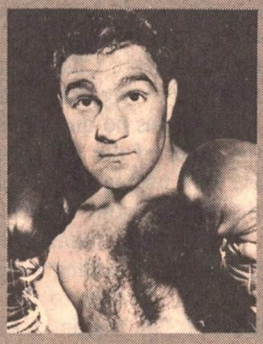
However, there is no discounting this man Walcott, skilled and game. ■

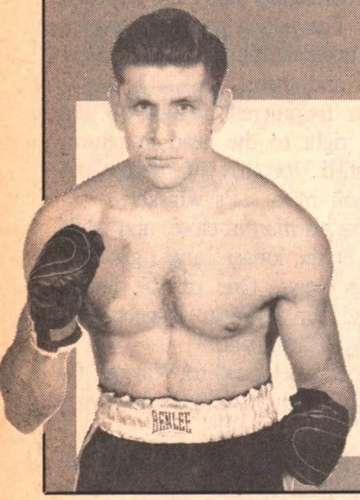
THE RING, February 1953

The Progress Award: Welterweight Chuck Davey (pictured), a former college champion, receives the honor. Runners-up include world bantamweight champion Jimmy Carruthers (who scored an upset kayo of Vic Toweel), South African flyweight Jacob N'Tuli, featherweight Tommy Collins (who beat Willie Pep), and counterpunching middleweight Willie Troy.

The Cover: In its annual Year In Review issue, *The Ring* publishes its full ratings, including the top 10, and fighters grouped in A, B, and C classifications. The cover features illustrations of the eight reigning world champions. Of the eight, only Joey Maxim and Sugar Ray Robinson would not reign throughout 1953.

Fighter Of The Year: Heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano is the obvious choice. "Usually," writes Daniel M. Daniel, "the task of nominating the Fighter of the Year is a rather complicated one. This time, however, the editor of this magazine, his staff, and voting correspondents all over the United States, and in foreign countries as well, were unanimous in their selection . . ."





The Inevitable Rematch: Writer Barney Nagler examines heavyweight contender Roland LaStarza and analyzes his chances in a title bout against newly crowned champion Rocky Marciano. The pairing seems logical; in March 1950, Marciano edged LaStarza via disputed 10-round decision. "He'd rush in and I'd counter," LaStarza says. "I think I would win again."

What Of The Future?: Writer Al Buck gazes into his crystal ball and predicts the bouts that will highlight the new year. Among the matchups is a light heavyweight title try for Jake LaMotta (pictured). As it turned out, LaMotta would be inactive in 1953. Also, a 160-pound title

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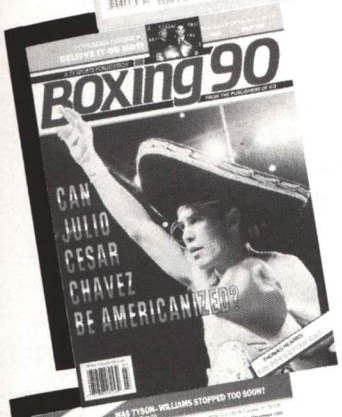

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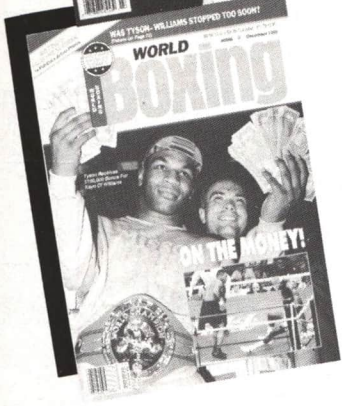

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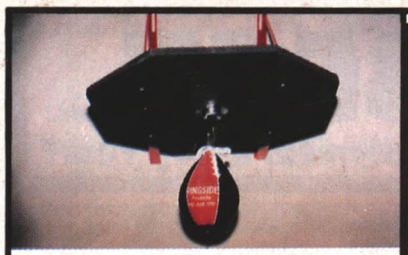

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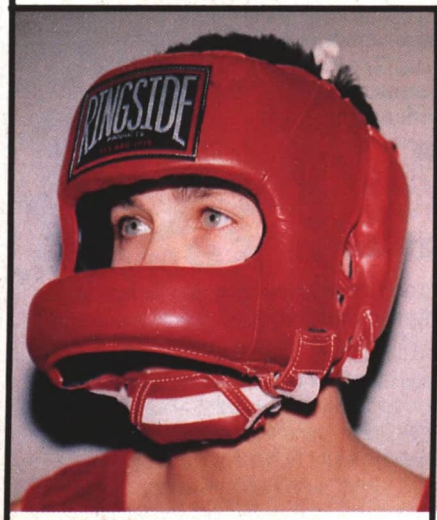

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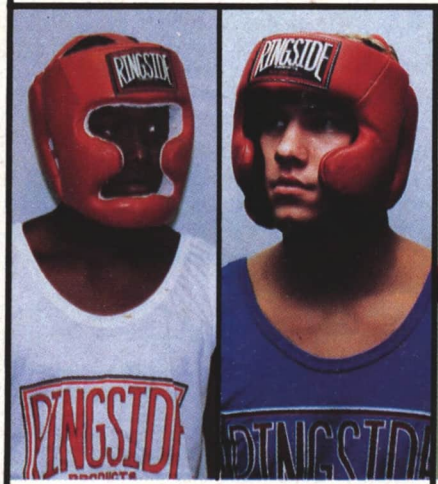

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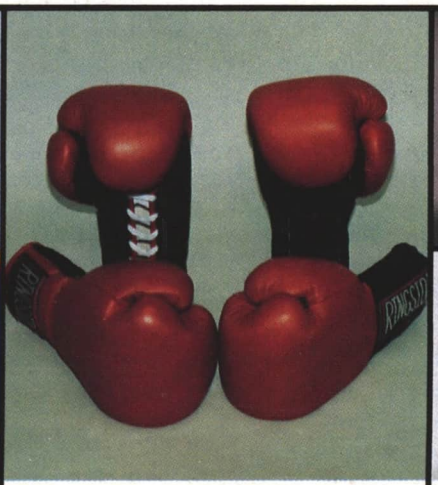

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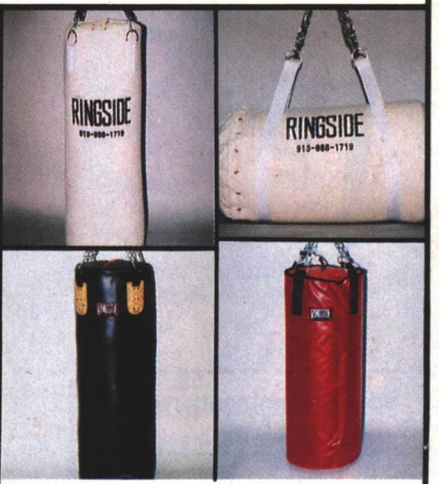

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